

**Contact Information**<br><br>

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Do you support the filing issue?  Yes  No  Undecided<br>

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**Comments**

I have read the abusive letters to Ms. Ingram from the ladies at the Point who filed the lawsuit against Point Recycling & Refuse so long ago that set this whole brouhaha off ... the result being that we residents at the Point have no garbage pick-up service and only a rather shady businessman--who together with other family members have been quite determined to "get" Mr. Wilkoski out of the business. And isn't it amazing that these same two gentlemen, one of whom is Mr. David Gellatly, current applicant for the certificate, was ready to step right into the breach and become our new garbage service provider. Mr. Gellatly has little to no real experience in solid waste management, has had numerous run-ins with various regulatory agencies in his other businesses, including ecology, transportation, licensing, and insurance regulations. He runs an "unofficial" money exchange business at the Point that also appears to be unregulated. Currency issues seem to be a business that should be regulated and watched carefully because of the ease of hiding income and other "laundering" activities. There have been, I believe, drug smuggling violations or associations in his own family.

I have attempted to track down, via provided addresses and personally visiting said addresses and help from Canadian agencies, his so-called providers of equipment. Business addresses prove to be personal residences. Parties at provided addresses claim no knowledge or acquaintanceship with Mr. Gellatly. The Department of Ecology was unable to locate one of his providers of equipment mentioned in an earlier investigation by the Department of Ecology. He, in fact, told the DOE that he was purchasing one provider. DOE was never able to locate the provider he was going to buy then, and I could not locate the provider he mentions in his applications, not even at addresses provided in the applications.

I fully support Ms. Ingram's request to delay any approval of Freedom LLC. This is not a business to be involved in cross-border movement of our household solid waste. The community has survived reasonably well without a licensed hauler since 1 July. I am a disabled lady who has had a surplus of fellow residents offering and taking my garbage to the transfer station. I have provided a vehicle for anyone to use in hauling not only my garbage but other community residents' garbage as well.

I cannot state strongly enough that any information I have been able to gather about Mr. Gellatly and his previous businesses has had little positive to offer as common business practices.

Please, please allow an investigation to move forth determining why there has been repeated failures for good businesses to be able to maintain a licensed garbage hauling business in Point Roberts. Only when these problems are addressed and corrective action taken can a legitimate and upstanding business and business owner(s) provide service and a business the Point deserves and the county and state can be sure is not involved

in any number of questionable business activities and practices. Mr. Gellatly, by his past actions, has not demonstrated that he understands completely good and law abiding business practices. He and his fellow business associates have demonstrated a longstanding campaign to put the last business certified to operate the garbage service at the Point out of business and take over the business, or more particularly the transfer station, themselves. Awarding the certificate to them seems to condone and reward such actions.

And I have serious questions about the timing and intent of the lawsuit filed by the three ladies. One, in particular, has tried to convince me of my wrongheadedness in opposing the new applicant. Those conversations only reinforced my notion that I was not wrong and there was perhaps other reasons the lawsuit was filed than what seemed, on the record, to be the purpose.

Please consider addressing the root cause of our problem here and address that before you award the certificate to the a single applicant, very closely involved in the failure of the previous business, who has a very checkered past as a businessman.

Thank you.

Patricia Birchall

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