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Subject: Point Roberts Recycling and Refuse

To Whom It May Concern:

As a part-time resident of Point Roberts for over 50 years, I have experienced various companies or services that have dealt with the pick-up of garbage on the Point.

I was never sure what to expect from the garbage service until Arthur Wilkowski took over the running of the business 10 years ago. I have nothing but praise for the work he and his employees have done with garbage and recycling. I have used curb side service as well as the drop off at the dump and I actually prefer to drop my own garbage and recycling off at the garbage site. He has also provided another service that has been used by many within our area and that is the bins that he supplies and the removal of materials such as old oil tanks that are disposed of properly.

The facility is clean, the people are friendly and the organization is amazing. It is obvious that Mr Wilkowski is a dedicated man who puts a lot of pride and work into his business. I support him in his endeavour to keep the garbage business a viable business on the Point. I have no problem taking my garbage to the dump and in fact it has become a weekly or bi-weekly ritual that is quite enjoyable.

Neighbours will often take turns taking the garbage for one another and it is a bit of a social event in that you run into other people in your community - only in Point Roberts would this be a pleasant experience.

I am contacting you to:

- request that the WUTC and County support and approve the Point Recycling application
- request that the WUTC reject the Freedom 2000 (Gallatly/Calder) application
- would appreciate it if this matter could be settled as soon as possible.

For those people that cannot take their garbage to the site, I am sure Mr. Wilkowski would come up with something to accommodate them. I can't imagine what this whole business has been like for him after all these years of building up this service to make it one that he and the whole community can be proud of.

This is a wonderful community. I don't know what the Gallatly/Calder interest is, but I question whether this has anything to do with garbage.

Thank you for your interest in solving this matter so that we no longer have to read about it in our local newspaper. It would be in the best interest of the community if Mr. Wilkowski could get on with running his business, one that he has shown to be passionate about.

Sincerely,
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