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Subject: Point Roberts Recycling and Refuse  
To all concerned:

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~~We are~~ permanent residents of Point Roberts. *I have* ~~been~~ watched with alarm and confusion the difficulties that have emerged with the operations of the Point Roberts Recycling and Refuse (PRRR) program and the operation of the transfer station.

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While we appreciate the legal, health and sanitation issues involved, we side strongly with "The Company" in these matters. The existing conditions are such that requiring that the county's licensee fulfill all requirements imposed is almost certainly not economically feasible here on "The Point."

Several possible solutions have been put forward to resolve matters, some require amending the existing contract between the PRRR and the county, others call for pragmatic "adjustments" in the actual operations. Among the more sensible of the former would be the imposition of a fee on all households on Point Roberts. Among the more reasonable of the latter would be to suspend (perhaps only temporarily) the requirement for curb-side recycling.

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Our position is to allow the latter to function for a limited time until the former can be imposed. Currently, it is not economically feasible for the PRRR to fulfill the specific requirements of the current contract. One reason is that the majority of households are

not full-time residents and absent themselves from the services. The fees paid by the remaining households are insufficient to maintain proper, full services including the expense of maintaing and upgrading materials and mechanical devices required for the job.

However, imposing a standard fee on sanitation (which is what is done in many cities and communities around the country) is not simple and will take time to implement. In the meantime, it would benefit all to allow the PRRR to continue with its modified program.

The possibility that the entire refuse removal and recycling operations on Point Roberts may be suspended in the near future augers very poorly for the quality of life here.

As voters, tax payers and concerned residents we would hope that some sensible compromise can be worked out to the satisfaction of all the residents, full- and part-time of Point Roberts.

*Thank you for any and all the  
HELP you can give  
Bee Griffith*