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Subject: POINT RECYCLING AND REFUSE COMPANY

Dear Ms. Ingrahm and Mr. Hutchins,

I would like to comment on the current review of Point Recycling and Refuse Company, as well as the process of viewing applicants to operate the waste collection and disposal systems in Point Roberts. My family and I have lived here in Point Roberts since 1995. When we first arrived and moved in to our home, there was an existing garbage service provider, and we were told by the neighbors about a specific curbside collection day for our block each week. Each week we would set our garbage at curbside on the allotted day. Sometimes it would get collected that day, sometimes the next day, sometimes not at all that week. There was no communication from the service provider at the time, and I do not recall ever seeing a bill for their services. The service was terrible; I don't understand how they ran their business - I suppose that was one of the reasons they were put out of business.

Enter Mr. Wilkowski and Point Recycling and Refuse Company. The curbside garbage collection service was timely, regular, and without fail. If there was a week or two during the year that the service days were adjusted, we were notified in writing in advance. A regular newsletter was sent out with collection calendar notifications and helpful notes on recycling and composting, as well as other community notices. Mr. Wilkowski and his staff became an integral part of the community, and helped those in need. He often lent his time or services to us and other neighbors. Before we had our own truck, he would lend us his pick-up truck when we needed to haul a load to the dump. I know of many others to whom he extended this courtesy.

Mr. Wilkowski also helps connect people to reuse and recycle goods and materials - if someone is breaking up a patio or digging a large hole, he would connect them with someone else looking for broken concrete or landfill. He might give up the opportunity to take in a load of waste in doing so, but he keeps material out of landfills and in continual use. In short he is a good man with a good heart, and seems from what I can see to be an honest and ethical businessman

I urge you to proceed with caution in opening the door to another service provider in our area. Mr. Wilkowski has served the community well; given the opportunity to continue and change in cooperation with the County, I am certain he would help you to develop a system workable and beneficial to most of the general public here.

Sincerely
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