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Mr. Sam Crawford
Whatcom County Councilmember, District 2
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RE: AB2008-287, Exempting Point Roberts from Mandatory Curbside Recycling

Dear Mr. Crawford:

On August 13 and August 15, I included you on emails regarding your above noted proposal. On August 19, I left a message for you with Jennifer in the Council's office. To date, I have not received any reply from you.

Your proposal came as a surprise to the residents, including me, of Point Roberts. I need your help understanding some of the surrounding issues in this matter. If necessary, please deem this as an official request for public information.

- Point Roberts is in District 3, you represent District 2. Since council members no longer serve "at large" why did you draft this proposal on behalf of one Point Roberts business (Point Recycling and Refuse (PRR))?
- Did you consult with any other council members before or after making this proposal? If so, who and when?
- Which of your constituents asked you to draft this proposal?
- What hard evidence do you have to support your position and proposal?
- Is it true that you asked that this proposal be fast-tracked? If so, why?
- PRR has been out of compliance on this mandated service for over seven months. The County has asked the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to pull PRR's certificate. Why did you interfere with this process?

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- Did you talk to residents of Point Roberts on both sides of this issue before agreeing to this proposal? If so, who and when?
- Why did you not attend the community meeting here on August 13?
- Why are you discriminating against Point Roberts residents by excluding only Point Roberts from this mandated service?
- How exactly are the residents of Point Roberts served by this proposal? (Please do not include any of the threats posed by PRR.)
- Since the hauler has been non-complaint and your proposal rewards him for his bad behavior, what message does that send to other businesses in Point Roberts and their compliance with Whatcom County Code?
- If the County allows the hauler to disregard whatever laws he chooses, how do you counter the prevailing belief that residents of Point Roberts are at risk of losing additional mandatory services or a continued loosening of county regulations in general?

Obviously, you spent a good deal of time working on the proposal. I certainly hope you will take the time to respect my demand for information. If you would be more comfortable discussing this matter in person, I will be happy to meet you and the Council's attorney in Bellingham next week.

Sincerely,

Shannon Tomsen

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