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REF: Waste Connections Rate Increase

I just received a letter from Waste Connections about their request for a rate increase and am writing in opposition to their rate structuring.

The rate increase for a single can per week is just \$.95. Yet the rate for two cans is \$4.00. If every one is to share this burden equally, then this rate should be changed. I understand with the high cost of fuel that a rate increase is maybe needed, but if it takes just \$.95 to empty one can, then two should be just double that rate. People with two cans already pay extra for the pickup.

Most people that have two cans do it as a necessity, not an extra. A household that needs two cans probably has kids and uses more food, clothing, and all the other extras things needed in life. They are all already paying more to run their households than a single person or just a couple. Yet with this increase, they would be subsidizing the pickup of the single can households. Two house right next to another, one pays \$.95 increase, the other pays \$4.00 increase for just pickup of the extra can.

This company signed a contract that I am sure had an amount built into it that they felt would cover any overage they would meet. That would mean that since day one, they have been getting overpaid. Now, maybe with the high cost of fuel it was not enough, but I see no reason that it should all be made up of that backs of working families.

This rate structure as is will limit their bad public relations to just one class of pickups, and not have everyone mad at the same time. All the same, it is not right to penalize one group of rate payers over another. This rate does not show any business increase or was there any??

Thank you,

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