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*From the Desk of
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Mr. Steve V. King, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive, SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Single Stream Cart Recycling Program

Dear Mr. King:

Clallam County approached Olympic Disposal about starting a residential single stream cart recycling program in 2017. This program would replace the three bin recycle system currently in place in our County with one used by the City of Port Angeles. The current program is voluntary and services 2,300 customers in Clallam County.

Clallam County Commissioners, staff, and our Solid Waste Advisory Committee believe the single stream recycling program is more beneficial and will increase participation in the program. Other benefits are:

1. Carts contribute to a clean neighborhood appearance
2. Carts are easier to roll to the curb
3. Lids are permanently attached and will not allow material to blow away
4. Carts are animal resistant
5. Carts are effective in reducing odors
6. There would not be an immediate increase in the rates to the community. In an effort to encourage participation in the new cart program, Olympic Disposal has agreed to provide this service at the same cost as the current three bin system.

In addition, glass would be removed from curbside collection. Glass mixed in carts can jeopardize the recycling process and reduces the value of the material collected. Olympic Disposal will continue to collect glass at various drop-off stations throughout Clallam County.

We feel there are many benefits to switching to a single stream program and should result in an increase in recycling participation in the County. We support Olympic Disposal's plan to replace its current recycling program description in the tariff with a new program description that includes single stream, excluding glass, co-mingled residential cart recycling.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Jones, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Jim Jones, Jr.
Clallam County Administrator