

Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District

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State of Vermont
House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources and Energy
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Chairman Klein,

On behalf of the Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District I would like to express my support of Act 148 and its continued implementation, however I've learned that there may not be any funding bills moving forward regarding Act 148. It is extremely important that some sort of funding source be identified and implemented. I feel during the last legislative session, the solid waste management community was denied funding because we hadn't provided the legislature with clearly articulated needs. The Solid Waste Infrastructure Advisory Committee (SWIAC) spent a significant amount of time identifying the infrastructure needs and potential funding sources as requested and provided this missing clarity.

Vermont Solid Waste Management Entities and the hauling community in Vermont are in need of funding in order to meet the ambitious goals laid out in Act 148, but delaying the identification of a funding source delays any infrastructure improvements by at least a year. Those who are responsible for implementing Act 148 can't begin to consider some of the improvements in the report until we know whether or not funding will be there to support our efforts. While we are all generally supportive of Act 148, we need funding to make it happen.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



John Leddy, Executive Director

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