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Metro Councilor President Tom Hughes
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Councilor Carlotta Collette
Councilor Craig Dirksen
Councilor Kathryn Harrington
Councilor Sam Chase
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Re: Support Increasing Willamette Resources Inc. (WRI) Wet Waste Tonnage Cap

We support Republic Services' (d.b.a WRI) request to increase wet waste tonnage cap at their facility in Wilsonville, OR. The Clackamas County Business Alliance (CCBA) understands that Metro's Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP), 2008-2018 Update recognizes and acknowledges that WRI and the other privately owned transfer and material recovery facilities are "critically important to the success of the metro region's waste reduction program. Implementation of waste reduction and other programs in the region relies heavily on collaboration between the public and private sectors participants in the system. *Private sector service providers are expected to continue to play a central role in helping the region progress toward a more sustainable future.*" WRI's increased tonnage cap will produce the following Public and Economic Benefits to our communities;

Public Benefits

- Clean Air and Water - Reduced Fuel Consumption - Reduced CO2 Emissions
- Safe and Reliable Transportation - Reduced Congested Roadways & Interstate
- Sustainability - WRI has permitted capacity of 196,000 total tons annually

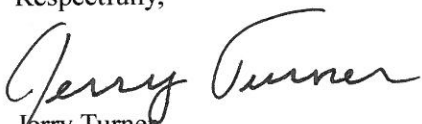
Economic Benefits

- Economic Prosperity - WRI's locality less operating costs to rate payers
- Fairness and Equity - Private / Public Partnership with No Financial Impact to Metro
- Vibrant Communities - Community served by WRI since 1995

Metro staff stated in October 2013, "the gradual shift in service provision from public to private disposal facilities, the Metro Council declared a two year 'time out' in the growth of the private waste transfer system—holding Metro tip fees relatively flat, extending existing private facility authorizations at status quo operating levels, and placing a moratorium on new transfer stations. This was to provide time to answer questions around Metro's role and that of private service providers in bringing about desired public benefits".

If the cap is not increased now our communities will be subjected to increased CO2 emissions, congested roadways & interstate, unnecessary fuel consumption and increased costs of service. It is important that our business communities possess a vision of the short and long term solutions to Solid Waste Management. We urge the Councils support to increase WRI's tonnage cap for wet tons.

Respectfully,



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