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To: US Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works
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Joe Brown, Joe_Brown@epw.senate.gov (Minority Sen. Capito)

Re: Liability Exemption for Inadvertent/Unknowing Transporters of PFAS

Dear Committee Members,

We write today as a provider of essential public health and safety services in our community, namely the safe and efficient collection and transportation of both residential and commercial solid waste and recyclables. We have proudly served our local community as a family owned and operated business since 1929.

These solid waste materials which are at the core of our business have now been found to contain, in many instances, components of the PFAS group of chemicals, which composition cannot be readily observed, monitored, or detected without costly and time-consuming laboratory testing after the fact. Clearly, the collection of solid waste and recycling materials cannot practically halt while testing is performed on every load we collect. Public health and safety are dependent upon and require the regular, expeditious, and consistent service that we provide all our customers.

As such, we are classic innocent "passive transporters" of PFAS materials. We did not and do not produce them, market them, process them or otherwise benefit from their sale or use in any way. As such, we deserve to be legally exempt from any liability involved in collecting, transporting, and/or transferring such PFAS-contaminated materials to legally designated disposal facilities.

Thank you for your vital attention to this consequential environmental and economic issue, which not only imperils our company's future viability but impacts every community across this great nation we proudly call home.

Sincerely,

Paul Razore

President and Owner

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