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"A COMMITMENT TO THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF OUR COMMUNITY"

May 23, 2005

Senator Joseph M. Kyrillos, Jr.
1715 State Highway 35
Middletown, NJ 07748

Dear Senator Kyrillos,

We are writing to you as representatives of not only our 500+ member organization, the Lincroft Village Green Association, but also as representatives of a large number of residents of both Middletown and Tinton Falls who oppose the expansion of the Republic Services facility in Tinton Falls, also known as Marpal. Approximately 2000 people have signed petitions circulated by the both the LVGA and residents of Tinton Falls opposing the proposed expansion of Marpal that would almost double the amount of type 13 waste that Marpal accepts as well as extending their hours to midnight.

Republic Services is one of 3 facilities in Tinton Falls that accepts type 13 waste, which is usually generated as construction waste. As a private company, Republic can accept waste from anyone, while the Monmouth County Landfill will accept type 13 waste only if over 50% of the waste originates in Monmouth County. The public landfills in both Ocean and Middlesex Counties only accept waste that originates in their respective counties. Central New Jersey, especially Monmouth and Ocean Counties, is the fastest growing area in New Jersey. Please consider the following statistics for type 13 waste collected in 2004:

- Ocean County Landfill reported: 130,760 tons (It is the only facility in Ocean County that accepts type 13 waste.)
- Middlesex County: 249,694 tons (combined total of the three Republic Services facilities and Middlesex County Landfill).
- Monmouth County total: 314,602 tons (includes Monmouth County Landfill, Republic Services and Recycling Technologies).
- The type 13 waste accepted by the Tinton Falls Republic Services facility in Monmouth County was more than the combined total of the 3 Republic Services facilities in Middlesex County and about equal to the total type 13 waste collected in Ocean County.
- Charges per ton of type 13 solid waste: Monmouth County Landfill: \$100; Ocean County Landfill: \$85 and Republic Services: \$75.00

We believe the numbers reveal that the truck traffic from many Ocean County communities finds the route to the Monmouth County facilities, Marpal in particular, more convenient and economical than using the Ocean County landfill. In spite of the tremendous development occurring in Ocean County, its landfill has only seen a 15% increase in type 13 waste over the past four years, while Monmouth County has experienced a 190% increase during the same period. It is undeniable that the location of Marpal near the conjunction of the Garden State Parkway, State Highways 18, 34 and 35 and County Roads 50, 520 and 537 has attracted traffic away from the solid waste facilities in neighboring counties.

Many of the trucks traveling to Marpal travel along primarily residential county roads, especially Wayside Road (CR537) in Tinton Falls and Swimming River Road (CR50) in Lincroft. Trucks are prohibited on the Garden State Parkway north of Exit 105 and they consequently use CR50 as a short cut, avoiding congestion along State Highway 35 in Red Bank. Residents along this corridor estimate that a large truck travels past their homes once every 2 minutes during weekdays from 6:00 AM through the evening hours, Marpal's hours of operation. In addition, the route passes 3 elementary schools and 2 middle schools as well as numerous school bus stops.

The trucks traveling through these residential communities and past schools cause both noise and air pollution. A February 2005 report by the Clean Air Task Force, a non-profit organization, ranked New Jersey second in the country behind N.Y. in diesel-related cancer risks. Methodology approved by the U.S. EPA has determined that 21,000 people die each year from particulate matter pollution from diesels, in addition to causing heart attacks, asthma attacks, atherosclerosis, strokes and other respiratory ailments. Children and the elderly are particularly at risk. Monmouth County is ranked 61st worst out of 3109 counties in the US for diesel soot.

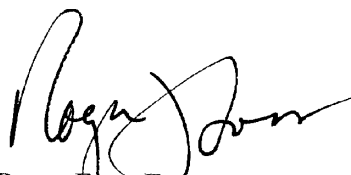
Finally, the trucks and truck drivers that frequent the residential routes on their way to Marpal are not known for their safety or safe driving practices. One resident reports that a complete tire and rim flew off a moving Marpal truck onto his property. Although Marpal knew the tire was there, it took them a year to come pick it up. Recently a truck burned on the bridge over Swimming River on CR50. Many residents report that speeding and running of red lights by truck drivers is common along Routes 537 and 50. This is totally unacceptable, considering the number of children present along the route.

Clearly, a better alternative is to open a facility in another area of Monmouth County. Rather than permitting the expansion of business at the Tinton Falls site, the Monmouth County Freeholders should plan new sites at other areas of the county in order to minimize travel distances and prevent the detrimental impact of this traffic to eastern Monmouth County. Middlesex County will soon have a fourth Republic facility to further distribute the traffic load. Monmouth County is ignoring the need to plan for additional facilities at sites proximate to developing communities.

We urge you to encourage both the Monmouth County Freeholders and state DEP Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste to deny Marpal's request for expansion.

Thank you for your interest and support in this matter. You may contact us at the above address or via phone at 732-769-9881 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Director Thomas Powers, Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Mayor Thomas Hall, Middletown Township Committee
Mayor Ann McNamara, Tinton Falls Township Committee