



August 23, 2019

Council President Lynn Peterson
Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

Metro
600 NE Grand Ave
Portland, Oregon 97232

Dear President Peterson and Councilor Gonzalez:

We appreciate Metro's efforts to better understand the components involved in rate setting at the private solid waste transfer stations. The February 1, 2019 letter from Metro staff summarizing the step process to understand private facility rates, and the accompanying report which estimates the cost drivers relative to fees charged at the private stations substantiates our belief that the rates charged at the private facilities are not justified. We strongly believe that Metro should move to 'option 3,' a full review of rates and costs at the private transfer stations. We believe this is imperative to bring transparency and equity into the cost profile of the regional solid waste system. There has been inequity in those rates since 2011, and it has steadily increased since then. We also see this in rates charged for self-hauling of waste, which has a direct impact on our lower income community members.

Thank you for taking these important steps on behalf of our communities.

Sincerely,

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Steve Callaway
Mayor of Hillsboro

Handwritten signature of Jeffrey C. Dalin in black ink.

Jeffrey Dalin
Mayor of Cornelius

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Frank Bubenik
Mayor of Tualatin

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Keith Mays
Mayor of Sherwood

Handwritten signature of Terry Lenahan in black ink.

Terry Lenahan
Mayor of North Plains

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