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Alan Brown, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Brown and Committee Members:

Due to the fact that I cannot attend the Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for today, I would ask that you please read the following statement:

My husband, Kevin, and I are Washington County residents and small business owners. We manage an environmentally conscious remodeling business that utilizes green products and technologies. We also reuse and recycle building materials. All recyclable and non-recyclable construction debris that cannot be reused is brought to the Jackson transfer station. Whether our projects are in Clifton Park, Saratoga or nearby Cambridge, we support the County's recycling efforts by bringing job related recyclables to Jackson.

Recently, the Public Works Committee voted to decrease the hours and days of operation at the Jackson transfer station. As business owners and residents who frequent the transfer station on a regular basis, the reduction in hours of operation has been disconcerting. Having lived in several New York State counties over the years, few can compare with the excellent recycling that takes place in Washington County. It would be a crime to see this change.

I am most concerned about the committee's pending decision to further reduce the hours and days of service at the County's transfer stations. I would encourage the committee to refrain from making a decision that would not only encourage residents and businesses to recycle less, but also reduce jobs that are so desperately needed during these trying economic times. Cutting spending in public works will not make Washington County greener and more economically stable. Increasing revenue through increased recycling by residents, schools and businesses makes more fiscal sense and is a more responsible and viable solution. Please keep the county's transfer stations open and fully functioning.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Jacki Chamberlain

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