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## Mr. Tabor:

It is my understanding that HB 2072 has been introduced and is being worked by the legislature. I am concerned that this bill has some very detrimental effects to regional landfills, such as Reno County. Reno County has had contracts with surrounding counties for several years. The Subtitle "D" regulations that went into affect many years ago made it very difficult for each county to maintain their own landfill site. As a result, a few counties around the state created regional landfills to accommodate the needs of a service area to keep the cost of solid waste disposal affordable.

Reno County has established a materials management system that serves several counties and would find it an extreme hardship if we could no longer accept material from outside our borders. Reno County has put the infrastructure and equipment in place to handle the current volume of material that comes to the landfill each day. Without the material coming to the landfill from the other counties, the revenue to our operations will be adversely affected. This would mean that we would need to reduce employment and liquidate equipment at the landfill. It would also mean an inefficient system because for many years the operation of the landfill has been designed for the amount of material that we are currently processing.

I urge the legislature not to adopt HB 2072 because of the adverse affects this will have on county operations and the potential increase in solid waste costs to citizens across the state.

Sincerely,

Gary Meagher

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