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The Honorable Jane Rhodes
Chair, Metropolitan Regional Services Committee
527 S. W. Hall Street
Portland, Oregon 97201

Dear Jane:

Re: Additional Funds for Recycling

As you may recall, at the Metro Council meeting on May 1, I urged the Council to consider making additional funds from the Solid Waste Contingency available for an additional recycling center or for other recycling efforts. No specific action was taken at that time, and this is to ask that the Regional Services Committee recommend to the full Council such an appropriation.

I do not need to state the importance of this matter. Metro, rightfully, is the lead governmental agency in dealing with solid waste management and recycling is a firm and significant part of the effort. Our commitment to recycling should and can take the form of funding. I believe we can make a minimum appropriation of \$50,000 without weakening the contingency; in fact, I would like to see the Committee discuss doubling that figure. While I think these funds can be put to great use by siting another recycling center, I believe there may be other uses which would support recycling. Grants for innovative projects might also be funded or other projects might be looked at.

If this should be proven to be the best way to go, I would recommend appropriating the funds now and then asking staff to draft criteria for selecting applicants. I will make every effort to attend your meeting on June 10, but should I not be able to make it, I hope you will give this matter favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Burton

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District 12

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