

February 12, 2012

Dear House Local Government Committee;

I support proposed bill #HB 2662.

Americans do not need bigger government and more regulations... "they need less."

It's quite obvious Johnson County doesn't own Deffenbaugh Landfill or the H R Hamm Quarry/Landfill in Perry KS., or area trash trucks, or the Olathe Transfer Station and has absolutely no business dictating policy or placing restrictive controls over area trash haulers and/or landfill operators outside of normal county business (i.e.; OSHA, safety issues, permits, health code violation, etc.). As stated K.S.A. 65-3405 regulations clearly represent the best interest of large corporate owned companies like Deffenbaugh and Town & County Disposal while placing costly requirements on small independent haulers. The new Johnson county regulations basically mandate that all haulers must use subcontractors and/or increase staffing to operate "separate" trash, recyclable and/or leaf trucks. Totaling "3" "completely different trucks for each residential trash route to do business in Johnson County. Most small independent haulers can hardly afford one let alone the expense of duplicate route trucks, new or used, to meet Johnson County's new regulations. The new rules set the stage for creation of a local duopoly or monopoly forcing small independent haulers out of business by making it too expensive for them to compete with local industry titans. The county has no business telling landfills or haulers how to run their "core operations" and certainly no business setting the wheels in motion for excessive price increases via multiple resident disposal and recycling charges; and creating a trash industry monopoly run by two companies... Deffenbaugh and Town & Country Disposal.

Also, Johnson County Commissioners have absolutely no business regulating trash haulers using Hamm Landfill and/or the H R Hamm Quarry/Landfill in Perry Kansas, which is located in "Jefferson County?"

With a proper investigation by the State Attorney General's office the state might find Johnson County Commissionners, city of Shawnee, various committees, county employees and/or large trash haulers actions to be a direct violation of

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established state law, the RICO Act and/or Federal Department of Transportation rules.

Two casualties have already occurred as a result of new Johnson County and Shawnee regulations. I'm sure there will be more as many local small independent haulers will soon quit doing business in both Johnson and Wyandotte County or be forced to sell to the new titans of the local trash industry.

For over 62 years the area trash industry was successfully run by a large group of independent haulers with a very effective voluntary participation recycling program. Now... with the help of Johnson County Commissioners and city of Shawnee residential trash pick-up will turn into an increasingly expensive nightmare for county residents... and industry monopoly.

I support proposed bill #HB 2662 and the right of independent haulers "to exist" and do business in both Johnson and Wyandotte Counties. I support Johnson and Wyandotte County residents right to expect reasonable charges for handling their residential yard waste, recyclables and trash. I support the right of citizens to expect their county commissioners to represent their best interests... not a corporation such as Deffenbaugh Disposal which is owned by DLJ Merchant Banking Partners ("DLJMB") of New York/Los Angeles. A private equity investment firm and subsidiary of Credit Suisse (Swiss bank).

Respectfully;

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