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James,

CWM is essential to the life of our community, plain and simple. Without CWM, we would be nothing like we are today. CWM needs to remain in Porter and needs to keep up its interactions with the town members.

The impacts CWM pose on us all are tremendous. For starters, almost all of CWM's employees live in Niagara County-this is huge! This a great source of jobs for Niagara County residents. Over \$5 million is paid in wages, salaries, and benefits to employees each yeardivided into about 70 employees, this is approximately an average of \$71,000 per employee annually! In addition, if CWM is to get their permit to expand and build their new landfill, this will bring in many new construction jobs through local unions.

Local charities depend on CWM as well. CWM is a notable and reliable sponsor for many charities, and they average about \$35,000 annually in contributions.

Financially, CWM is a huge factor. Each year they pay gross receipt tax fees to the town, which ultimately benefits the residents. Three local school districts (Lewiston-Porter, Niagara Wheatfield, and Wilson) also benefit from the fees paid by CWM! New York State is also affected by CWM, which is required to pay multiple fees to the state. These include a hazardous waste operating fee and NYS sales tax.

Every five years, Niagara County benefits from CWM to the tune of \$11,981,097. This is a source of revenue that Niagara County cannot lose!

CWM needs its expansion request to be permitted so that they may continue to affect our lives in a positive light. Without CWM in town, everything would be tremendously different.

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James,

I am writing to show support for CWM's request to expand and build their new RMU-2 landfill.

The new landfill is crucial to CWM's survival, and CWM's survival is crucial to us local residents.

Annually, CWM gives back \$12 million to Niagara County. That is a huge source of revenue that we cannot live without! In hard economic times, \$12 million is a lot to let slip away. We need CWM to stay active and in business.

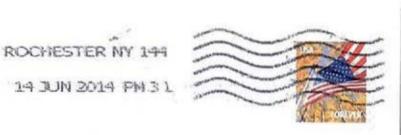
Last year, CWM and their taxes and fees paid led them to be the top financial supporter of the Lewiston-Porter school district. So now not only do the towns and counties depend on CWM, but the schoolchildren do as well.

In addition, many local charities and organizations benefit from CWM. These include the Ransomville Food Pantry and the Niagara River Anglers! They would not be what they are today without CWM's support.

In conclusion, CWM is a huge part of our lives here. We need its expansion permit to be approved so that they may remain operating and we may remain happy.

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James McClymonds,

The fact of the matter is, CWM needs to remain in Model City. That is all there is to it. We depend on CWM.

If CWM stopped operating, this would put over 5 dozen individuals out of work. In a job-depressed time as it is, we cannot afford this.

Charities and local businesses depend on CWM for help. These charities and businesses play a big role in our lives. Without CWM's help, they would not be what they are today. We cannot afford to lose these charities!

CWM maintains many acres of wildlife habitats. Vegetation and wild birds depend on these-we must remember that we are not the only life forms that gain support from Waste Management.

CWM pays a lot of money back to the local towns and state. In tough times like now, we cannot afford to lose any source of revenue-especially in amounts like that which CWM pays.

We need CWM here. We need them to get approval to build their new landfill so that they may remain in Model City. They are crucial to the success of Niagara County and New York State.

We cannot lose the Model City branch of Waste Management.

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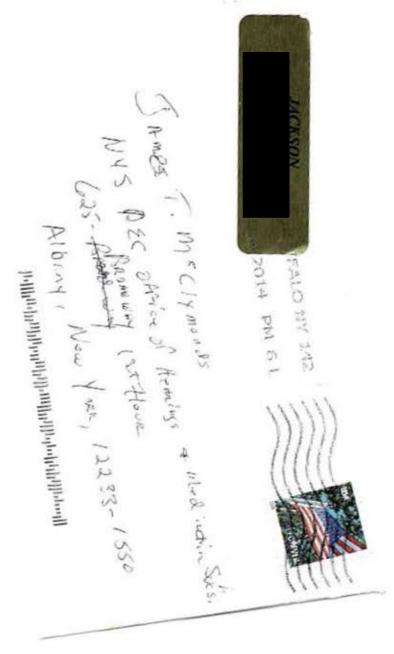
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Mr. McClymonds,

Without Waste Management's Model City location, our lives would suffer. Life would be very different here in Niagara County. We need CWM to build their new RMU-2 landfill and continue operating.

If they stopped operating, many people would be out of a job. Jobs are hard to come by nowadays, and if these individuals are cut from their positions at CWM, it will be a tough struggle for them.

The towns and local communities would stop receiving fees and taxes paid by CWM. These towns and communities cannot afford to lose this source of revenue. It is estimated that Niagara County makes \$12 million annually from CWM. They cannot lose this revenue!

Lastly, if CWM stopped business in Model City, there would be an abundance of waste with no place to go. Serving a 500-mile radius, this is a large portion of the United States that would be in a waste crisis if CWM closed shop.

We need CWM to build their RMU-2 landfill for many reasons. If they are not permitted to expand, we will be in deep trouble, with no solutions on the horizon.

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There is only one way to put it: We need CWM. We need their permit for expansion to be processed and accepted. We need CWM to remain in the community and to be able to continue to accept waste.

The Model City location employees approximately 70 individuals. The majority of the employees reside in Niagara County, and therefore pay county taxes and support the local businesses. If CWM closes, these folks will lose their jobs and may have to move elsewhere to look for work. They will no longer be supporting Niagara County or other local places. The Western New York region needs all the help it can get, and losing citizens is going against that mission.

Speaking of Western New York needing all the help it can get, CWM is a major factor in this. Besides employing its residents, CWM helps in other ways. CWM pays fees and taxes back to local communities, which benefit many aspects, including school districts in the area.

If CWM is permitted to expand, these benefits will only increase. It is projected that over the 32-year lifespan of the new landfill, the total economic impact will surpass \$1 billion. Along with this, it is estimated that each year, the economic impact from CWM's new expansion will bring in over \$25 million.

In today's economy, we need good paying jobs, and the Western New York region is no exception. If CWM closed, many good paying jobs would be lost. If they closed, the local communities and counties would lose a significant source of revenue. We need CWM's permit to be passed so that they make stay open and continue operating.

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The fact of the matter is, we need CWM in Model City. We need them to get their permit for expansion. We need CWM to remain here and in business.

The Model City CWM facility employees over 5 dozen people. Most reside in Niagara County, and then pay taxes and support the local organizations. Niagara County will miss their presence. Western New York needs all the help it can get, and losing these hardworking and loyal citizens won't help them in the slightest.

Speaking of help, CWM helps the community tremendously. CWM helps in other ways besides employing their citizens. CWM pays fees and taxes back to local communities, which cover many areas, including 3 local school districts (Wilson, Lewiston-Porter, & Niagara Wheatfield).

If CWM is permitted to expand, the benefits will continue to flow. It is estimated that over the 32-year lifespan of the new landfill, the total economic impact will be greater than \$1 billion. Also, it is estimated that each year, the economic impact from CWM's new expansion will be higher than \$25 million.

Good paying jobs are hard to come by nowadays, by CWM provides a good handful of them. If they closed, many good jobs would be lost, and it would be hard for them to be made up elsewhere. If they closed, the local communities and counties would lose a significant source of revenue. We need CWM's permit to be passed.

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The Model City branch of Waste Management is a crucial part of life in Niagara County. Imagine if the facility were gone ... life would be incredibly different here. We would be losing a major appendage of the community.

I have spent a great deal of my career working along with Waste Management. I have spent many days building and maintaining the landfills on site. I have ensured that all efforts were made to keep these landfills within safety regulations. The landfills contain leachate monitoring systems, area groundwater monitoring wells, and are double lined. They couldn't get any safer than they are now. They accept a variety of hazardous and industrial non-hazardous wastes. The CWM facility is also the only one in the Northeast United States permitted to treat, store, and dispose of PCBs that are over 50 ppm. The Model City landfills serve a 500 mile radius. However, due to all this waste, we are running out of airspace. The landfills are filling up and need to be closed soon.

We need to pass the permit to enable CWM to expand. The expansion will extend the life of the operation of the facility for approximately 32 more years, averaging annual volumes of 165,000 tons per year.

If we do not expand, the waste has nowhere to go. The Northeastern region of the United States relies heavily on the Model City location. If we stop accepting their waste, they are not going to stop producing the waste. It will still be there. Except now, the CWM facility could not provide them with a solution. There would be a significant part of the United States in crisis, especially New York State.

The time to act is now. The landfills are closing fast, and if we delay in the passing of the permit, we are headed for a cliff.

Gary Catlin

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James:

Over the years, I have developed many connections with Waste Management and their CWM facility. In the past, my husband worked in conjunction with them and built the landfills on site, so the Model City location has influenced my life in many ways.

Fast forward to today, and the landfills on site are near capacity. The waste keeps funneling in, and the site is running out of room. The landfills, which meet all required safety and permit regulations, will need to close up soon. Once they are closed up, a new place for the waste to be disposed of is required.

If the permit for expansion is not passed, CWM has no choice other than to close up shop. They will no longer be able to accept any more waste, and within a few years, the Model City location will close completely. This will impact the community in a negative light.

Jobs will be lost, town revenue will decrease significantly, and local charities will lose a reliable source of funding. These are only a few of the negative impacts that the closure of the facility would bring. From a personal perspective, I saw first-hand how CWM improved my family's life. It gave my husband work. The taxes paid by CWM helped support three local school districts. All of my children and my oldest grandchild attended the Niagara Wheatfield school district. Soon, my youngest grandchild will be starting in the Lew-Port school district. The Model City location gives so much back to the community and local charities, some of which my family and I are very familiar.

Without CWM, the whole community suffers. Not only will the local Waste Management workers be affected, but also will town residents, school children, and local charities. We need the permit to be passed so that the standard of life in Niagara County and surrounding areas may be upheld.

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Dear Judge McClymonds,

As a local resident, I see all the time the impact CWM has on the local communities. It plays a tremendous role here in Niagara County, and I could not imagine life here without it. However, it does not just affect the Western New York region. It affects all of New York State.

New York State realizes significant benefits from CWM that ultimately are fed back into local communities. It is anticipated that if the new landfill is built in Model City, over its lifespan it will bring in \$64,512,000 to New York. New York definitely needs that kind of money!

One way that CWM does this is it is required to pay New York State a hazardous waste operating fee. This is based on the amount of site-generated waste. Therefore, if the new landfill is built, there will be much more site generated waste, and therefore there will be a higher hazardous waste operating fee paid back into the state.

In addition, CWM is required to pay the NYS sales tax. In the past, CWM has paid New York approximately \$340,000 annually for this charge.

To ensure safety in the Model City location, there are full time DEC staff on site. New York poses a charge for this, too, in which CWM is required to pay the state so that they may keep DEC staff here.

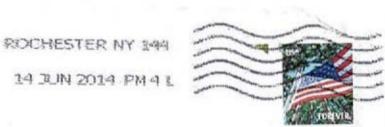
In the event that CWM ever closes up, they are responsible for making sure that their landfills are safe for life. Each year, CWM pays the state \$421,000 to cover this and make sure that they are maintaining \$70 million in financial safety bonds/LOC/Insurance premiums.

The money that CWM puts back into New York is unmatched. New York State needs CWM to remain open so that they may continue to benefit from their operations. Without the expansion request permitted, this is not possible.

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Mr. James McClymonds,

I am writing to show my support for CWM's expansion request permit.

I understand why they need to expand. They need to expand and build their new RMU-2 landfill so that they may remain in business.

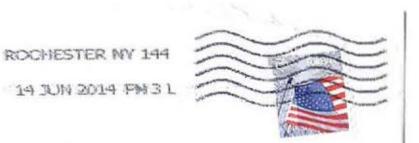
I understand that this new landfill is crucial. It will assist in the cleanup efforts of brownfields and other remediation efforts across New York State. New York depends on CWM, as well as a significant portion of the northeastern region of the country.

I understand that CWM uses top of the line safety and monitoring efforts when it comes to their facilities and landfills. CWM is as safe as can be.

I fully support CWM's efforts and desires to expand and build the new RMU-2 landfill. We need it, they need it, and the northeastern region of the United States needs it.

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Dear Mr. McClymonds,

As a resident of Ransomville since the 1970s I have been aware of CWM Chemical Services for a very long time.

If this were a new facility trying to permit for a new landfill, I would most likely find myself against the project. However, since this site exists and is located on historically contaminated land, I say just let them continue operations...

I am in favor of granting them a permit.

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Dear Judge McClymonds,

CWM is important. I don't think enough people realize this.

CWM has operated on its Model City property since 1984. Since then, Waste Management has put in \$100 million in facility upgrades. This all ensures that everything meets new state of the art standards, and that everything is as safe as can be.

CWM is also equipped with state of the art monitoring devices and practices. Year round, two DEC monitors stay on site, ensuring that the site is not a burden due to the fact that it requires extensive monitoring. The Model City facilities house over 200 groundwater monitoring wells. Their landfill leachate, groundwater from site remediation activities, and other wastewater are treated in the onsite aqueous treatment facility prior to being discharged into the Niagara River. In addition, they have extensive air pollution controls. As a result of all this, CWM has one of the most comprehensive SPDES permits in the state.

Due to this, CWM is able to take in, treat, and dispose of as much waste as they do. CWM covers a 500 mile radius, serving customers in New York, the Northeastern United States, and Canada. The Niagara County site is the only hazardous waste site in New York! Also, it is one of five Waste Management facilities across the country that specializes in industrial and hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal.

So why is CWM so crucially important? Without it, our waste would have nowhere to go. CWM is the safest, most efficient, and best option. We need CWM to remain operating so that it may continue its services to us in waste disposal.

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Judge McClymonds,

As we all know, CWM benefits us in many ways. They employ many people, they dispose of waste for us, and they give back to the towns and communities. However, if they are not permitted to build their new RMU-2 landfill, these benefits will stop flowing because CWM will have to shut down.

Take time to think about what will happen if CWM is permitted to build their new landfill on existing CWM grounds. The benefits already being received from CWM will continue to flow in without pause. In addition, however, there will be new benefits.

The main thing here is that if CWM builds their new landfill, we are guaranteed an approximate 3 decades of life at CWM. This means 30+ years of charitable contributions, business partnerships, waste disposal, and funds given back into the town.

In addition, many jobs will be created to build the new landfill! Construction costs for the RMU-2 are expected to be over \$55 million, with the majority of that spent on local contractors.

A notable new fund will be added with the expansion. This is the Host Community fee, which will be paid to the Town of Porter since CWM is located in Porter. With this fee, CWM is required to pay Porter \$3 for every ton of waste generated here. It is estimated that in one year, this will bring in a minimum of \$200,000! The Town of Porter could really use that money.

Simply put, we need CWM to expand. It is in the best interest of all local residents for various reasons!

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As a local resident, I see the benefits of CWM every day. I see their employees driving to work, and living happily as a result. I see their charitable contributions and their involvement with local groups-nothing feels better than to see the Waste Management logo on a sign, signifying that they are a proud sponsor of a local event-the Lewiston Smelt Festival, for one. I see their consciousness of their surrounding environment-the drive along Balmer Road to their Model City location is lined with fields of wildlife. Trees, plants, waterfowl, and more all benefit from this.

However, I think it is also important to remember that the benefits of CWM extend far greater than just our local Western New York region. CWM benefits the entire New York State.

The site collects hazardous and industrial nonhazardous waste from a 500mile radius. A large amount of the waste produced and disposed of at CWM is made in New York. Without CWM, New York would have nowhere to store their waste!

As much as we see CWM's impact locally, we must remember that it affects the whole state. CWM is a key part of the state's success. We need CWM to remain open in order to help both our fellow state residents and us locally. We need the expansion permit to be processed so that the benefits may continue to flow.

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CWM plays a crucial role in both Niagara County and New York State.

For the local communities, CWM pays a significant amount in gross receipts fees. These fees are ultimately redistributed back into local communities and towns, benefitting the citizens and schoolchildren.

CWM also has to pay the NYSDEC Monitors Reimbursement charge, which is charged for the amount of full time DEC staff on site. This ensures that the site is not a burden due to the fact that it requires extensive monitoring.

The new landfill would assist greatly with the cleanup of New York State. Brownfield and remediation efforts that require safe disposal of their hazardous wastes rely on CWM. Without CWM, all this cleanup efforts would be extremely difficult due to the lack of space to safely dispose of their waste.

Without CWM, both the Western New York region and the greater New York State would suffer. We need CWM to remain open and operating.

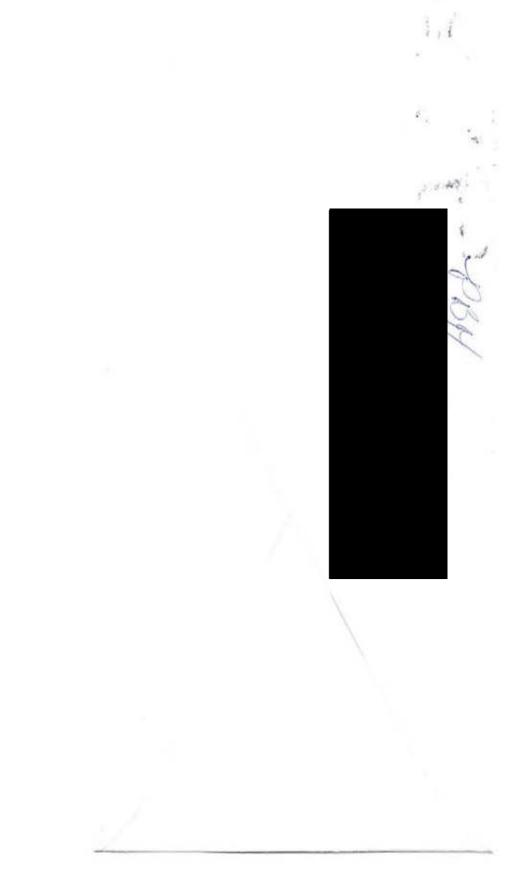
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To Judge McClymonds:

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I am in favor of the CWM expansion.

When the landfill expansion is permitted, CWM will be required to pay a host community fee to the Town of Porter. For every ton of waste disposed at the Model City facility, \$3 will be required to be paid to the Town of Porter. It is estimated that annually, Porter will receive \$495,000. Over 32 years, this could be \$15,840,000 to the Town of Porter!

I live in the Town of Porter and we need more revenue and jobs. Not less revenue and a loss of 70 jobs.

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The CWM facilities on Balmer Road play a huge role in the Town of Porter. Life would be dramatically different here if the facilities ceased to exist. It would be a very negative impact.

It is a possibility that CWM will disappear in the near future. That is, if their request for onsite landfill expansion is not passed. If it is not passed, CWM will have run out of landfill space, and will no longer be able to operate.

This would devastate Porter. Porter relies heavily on revenues generated by CWM. A huge part of this is that since the facilities are located in Porter, Waste Management is required to pay the town a Host Community fee. This fee equates to \$3 per ton of all waste received in the RMU-2. There is a guaranteed minimum of \$200,000 annually. The new landfill expansion, which is estimated to last about 32 years, will bring in a minimum of \$6.4 million in host agreement fees.

Also, CWM is required to pay gross receipts taxes to the town. CWM generates both local taxes and gross receipt taxes. Our community benefits from these!

If the Model City location closes, it is anticipated that the value of the real estate and the related real estate taxes could be significantly reduced. This will reduce quality of life in these surrounding towns, including Porter. The school districts will suffer. Residents will suffer.

As a resident of the Lewiston-Porter area, I cannot stress enough how important it is that this permit be passed. Our towns need the revenue generated by CWM and paid out to the town through taxes.

We all need CWM in our lives to ensure that we are prospering. We need the expansion to be passed so that we may continue to enjoy these benefits. We need CWM here.

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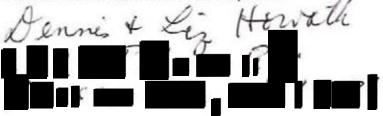
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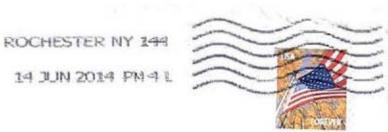
There is no way to put it nicely. It's a tough subject, but the truth must prevail. CWM needs to be permitted to build their new landfill, and there are no if's, and's, or but's about it.

I regularly attend the annual open house at CWM. I know what they do and why they do it. I see how important it is and how many lives it affects. I see how things truly are at the landfill today.

Imagine that the new landfill is not allowed to be built. Soon, the existing landfill will fill up and will be required to be capped off. No more waste will be able to be disposed of in there. Then where will the waste go? CWM, which services a **500** mile radius and a great portion of the northeastern United States, will have nowhere to dispose of the waste and therefore will not be able to accept it. CWM will no longer have a reason to exist, and will have to close up. The waste will remain, however. It will have to be put somewhere-but where? There is no other logical and safe place to rid of the waste.

This is a sad image. Waste is never a pretty thing to talk about, but it will only get uglier if it is out in the open and not in a safe, neat landfill. CWM needs its permit to be passed so that it may build a new landfill. This is the only way to make the ugly waste go away and not have to deal with its consequences.





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CWM benefits us in multiple ways. Their impact is tremendous, and we know that we would miss them if they ever left the community. For this reason, we need their expansion request to be permitted.

If their expansion request is not passed, they will be heading for trouble. The request is for them to be able to expand and build a new landfill, which would be able to accept waste for up to 32 years in the future. Presently, their current landfill is filling up fast and running out of space for new waste.

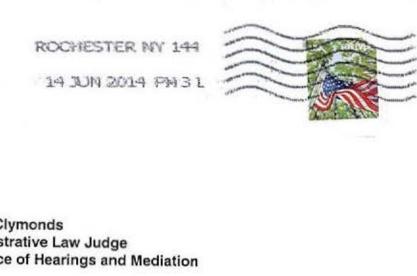
If the permit is not passed, CWM will not be able to intake anymore waste, and will no longer be able to remain open as a business. All the benefits that the community receives from CWM will also cease to exist.

No more charitable contributions. No more taxes paid back to the state. No more money given back to the local communities. No more jobs for approximately 70 employees, all of which reside locally. No more CWM.

The need for this expansion request to be permitted is crucial. Many areas are at stake and in danger here. We need to be smart and put the local residents' needs first-and the only logical way to do this to pass the permit and keep CWM open for many years to come.

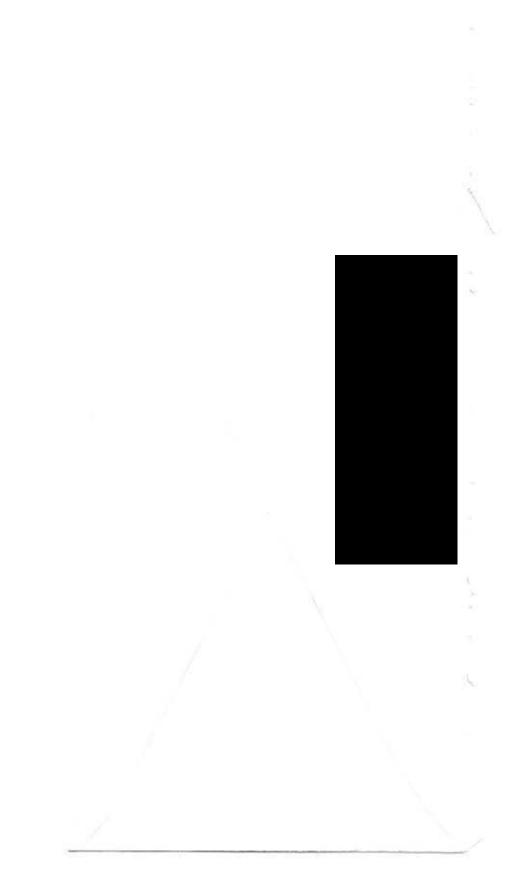
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Dear Judge McClymonds,

I have lived in Ransomville, approximately three miles from CWM since 1972. I have no problem with this business.

Both my daughter and nephew work at the site and I have attended many information sessions and open houses at the facility. I have an understanding of the extensive monitoring that takes place there and the oversight of the NYSDEC.

What I find aggravating are the "nay-sayers" who have never set foot on the site and yet have very loud and boisterous opinions on how this facility is somehow hurting this area. In some cases, I have to wonder if a separate, self-serving agenda is the driving factor? There is one particular individual who has an unnatural zest to see this facility closed down. It makes one speculate if there may be another force involved here? Perhaps a larger entity that would benefit from the site no longer operating...

I hope that as the administrative law judge, you are looking through all of the falsehoods and wild accusations and are focused on the facts.

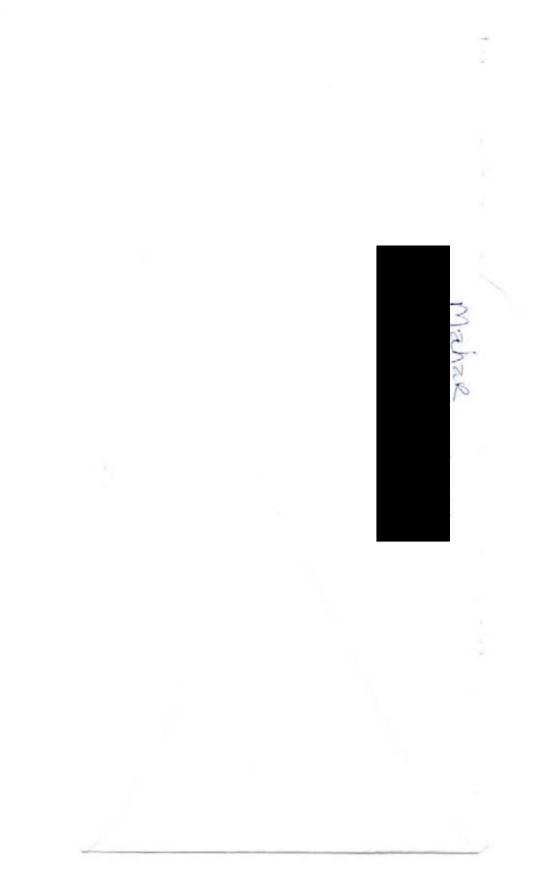
If everyone remains focused on the facts and science and steer clear of emotions, this community will be better served.

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Dear Judge McClymonds,

The economic impact CWM plays locally is too important to let slip away. If CWM is unable to build their new landfill due to a failure to pass an expansion permit, these fiscal benefits will indeed slip away.

CWM employees over 5 dozen employees, most of which reside in Niagara County. About \$5 million in salaries and wages is distributed among these employees.

Speaking of Niagara County, each year CWM fuels \$12 million back into the county. That is a lot of money to be given back annually!

In the 2013-2014 year, CWM was the highest taxpayer in the Lewiston-Porter school district. A lot of money that year went to those schools, which depend on CWM's help.

When the CWM expansion request permit gets passed, the new RMU-2 landfill will need to be constructed. A large majority of this will be done by local contractors! The construction costs are anticipated to reach over \$55 million.

The fiscal implications imposed by CWM are far too great to be ignored. We need CWM to remain in business so that they remain a key revenue source. We need CWM in many, many ways.

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CWM needs its expansion request permit to be passed. They need to remain in the business of accepting, treating, and disposing of waste. If CWM closed up, a significant part of the northeastern United States would have nowhere to store their waste-and that would be a *huge* problem.

If CWM gets approval to expand, they will be building a new RMU-2 landfill that has a projected lifespan of approximately 32 years. Currently, their only remaining landfill is running out of airspace fast. The waste is running out of room to be disposed in.

The RMU-2 would be doubly lined and equipped with state of the art monitoring devices. Located within CWM's existing property, it would be able to hold about an average volume of 165,000 tons of waste per year.

If the Model City facility plant cannot expand, they will have to close up within a year. There would be no new place to dispose of the waste. New York's efforts to cleanup brownfields and other remediation projects would be severely disrupted. And about 70 jobs would be lost.

The final word is that CWM needs their request for expansion permit to be passed. Thank you.

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CWM needs their expansion permit to be passed. They need to remain open and continue to accept, treat, and dispose of waste. The waste, which is generated mainly in the northeastern region of the United States, would have nowhere to be disposed of safely if CWM closed up.

CWM needs their expansion permit to be passed so that they can build a new landfill which would be able to accept waste for up to another 32 years. Their current landfill is running out of airspace, and therefore, running out of room to dispose of waste.

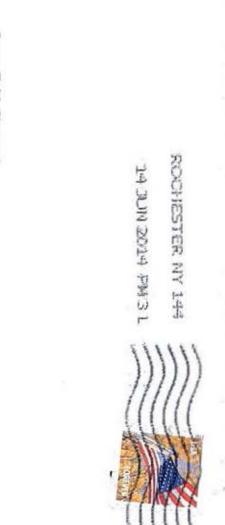
The new landfill would have the best and safest features, such as being doublelined and existing in CWM's existing property. It will be able to accept an assumed average volume of 165,000 tons per year. Approximately 39 acres would be designated for waste disposal-that's a lot of waste that CWM can treat and dispose of properly!

Without the expansion, CWM would have to close in a few short years. If they closed, there would be no place to dispose of the waste. An important and significant part of the Northeast would be affected in terms of brownfield and other cleanup projects. This affect would not be for the better.

CWM needs this permit to be passed. We all need this permit to be passed. We would all suffer without it, in more ways than one. This expansion is crucial.

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Mr. McClymonds,

Without Waste Management's Model City location, our lives would suffer. Life would be very different here in Niagara County. We need CWM to build their new RMU-2 landfill and continue operating.

If they stopped operating, many people would be out of a job. Jobs are hard to come by nowadays, and if these individuals are cut from their positions at CWM, it will be a tough struggle for them.

The towns and local communities would stop receiving fees and taxes paid by CWM. These towns and communities cannot afford to lose this source of revenue. It is estimated that Niagara County makes \$12 million annually from CWM. They cannot lose this revenue!

Lastly, if CWM stopped business in Model City, there would be an abundance of waste with no place to go. Serving a 500-mile radius, this is a large portion of the United States that would be in a waste crisis if CWM closed shop.

We need CWM to build their RMU-2 landfill for many reasons. If they are not permitted to expand, we will be in deep trouble, with no solutions on the horizon.

PLEASE CONSIDER FAVORABLY! THBNKS! Clem Lilliche



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Dear Judge McClymonds,

Many people think of CWM simply as just a waste disposal service. They collect the waste and then safely get rid of it. The truth of the matter is, CWM is much more than that. They have many other responsibilities, many of which don't even involve waste.

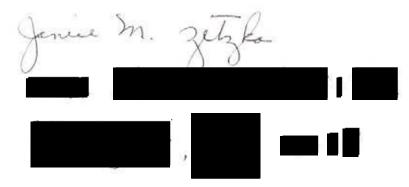
The Model City location gives a plethora of money back to the local towns. For finstance, CWM is the highest taxpayer in the Lewiston-Porter school district. The next closest taxpayer paid 30% less than CWM did.

In addition to this, Niagara County receives \$12,000,000 annually from CWM. This is a source of revenue that cannot be made up elsewhere.

Annually, CWM disperses \$5 million to its approximate 5 dozen employees, most of 🖈 which live in Niagara County.

 $\neg p$ Lastly, CWM leaves its mark on many local charities and organizations. The two $\neg p$ most notable are the Ransomville Food Pantry and the Niagara River Anglers. Both would not be what they are today without CWM's help.

We need CWM to remain here in Model City. Without it, the economy here would suffer a great blow. CWM and their success is crucial to the success of local towns and communities.



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June 17, 2014

To: James T. McClymonds

From: Concerned Residents

Regarding: expansion proposal at Balmer Road

We do not agree with the expansion of CWM. We do not need another 43.5 acre landfill on Balmer Rd. CMW talks about building more ponds. What does that do to our wildlife and the land? The effluent discharge pipe ends at the Niagara River. Is that waste that is going to be dumped pure, drinkable, without any side effects or risks to anyone or anything? We very much doubt it. We believe the river and lake need to be continued to be cleaned up so someday people will be able to swim in them safely.

The people need to think safety. What if a liner breaks—even a small leak, how soon will it be caught -- when it seeps to the ground surface. Then, how will it be contained and cleaned up and at who's expense? There will be an increase in traffic to this residential area. What if there is a trucking accident on the highway with spillage? Where are the trucks coming from? Just the US, we doubt it.

We believe this area already has enough hazardous wastes. We say "NO" to the expansion.

Sincerely,

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June 19, 2014

James T. McClymonds, Chief Administrative Law Judge NYSDEC Office of Hearings and Mediation Services 625 Broadway, 1st Floor Albany, NY 12233-1550

Dear Sir:

I am writing in support of the application submitted by CWM to build and operate a new landfill to be designated as Residuals Management Unit - Two (RMU-2), and for other storage and treatment units.

I have had the opportunity to visit the site, and to meet with various managers and other employees there. I believe that CWM is capable of operating an expanded facility as responsibly as they have operated the current site. They have a proven track record.

Wastes are a fact of life. All citizens need to accept that these wastes are not going to disappear. The existing CWM facility will need to be managed for the rest of time. Expanding the facility should even help ensure that sufficient resources are dedicated for properly managing the site in perpetuity.

As well as having the opportunity to meet with CWM managers and other employees, I have also had the opportunity to observe the behavior of some of CWM's most vocal opponents, specifically the members of the group called "Residents For Responsible Government". As a psychologist (NYS license #4417), it is my opinion that many of their behaviors and statements reflect irrational fears. It has not been my experience that they are interested in the facts. I have personally felt intimidated by members if this group when they were photographing and verbally abusing guests arriving at an Open House at the CWM facility. I do not believe that they are capable of or interested in representing the best interests of the community.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Judge McClymonds,

As a resident of the Town of Porter, I support the expansion of CWM Chemical Services.

I know first-hand the economic impact that this operation has on our town finances. I also appreciate that as soon as this new landfill is up and running that our host community agreement will begin and our town will benefit even more than it has in the past.

Let's move this process along.

Thank you.

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Dear Judge McClymonds,

I am the owner of the security company that provides Waste Management with manpower for the guard shack and other security procedures.

The safety and security measures on the site and environmental safeguards are without question top level. I am very aware of the importance of these operations and the customers that they service. I also recognize the economic impact that the facility has on the area and Niagara County.

Please move this expansion process along with all the speed it deserves. There are NO REASONS that this facility should not continue operations in this location.

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When we think of CWM, we often think of its local presence. It is located in the small Town of Porter, and surrounded by other small towns including Ransomville and Wilson. We may often think that its impact only reaches these surrounding communities. However, we are wrong to think that. The CWM facility actually affects the entire New York State.

The site collects a variety of liquid, solid, and semi-solid organic and inorganic hazardous and industrial non-hazardous wastes. Of the 500-mile radius that the site serves, a significant portion of the waste is generated in New York State. New York needs CWM, because without it, they would have nowhere to safely dispose of their waste!

CWM economically impacts New York as well. CWM pays significant benefits to the state, which ultimately will be given back to local communities. CWM pays a hazardous waste operating fee to the State, which is based on the amount of site-generated waste. The more waste generated and taken care of an site, the more money that goes back into the State. CWM also pays a NYS Sales Tax, as well as a charge to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). It is estimated that over the lifespan of the new CWM expansion, the Model City facility will pay \$54,512,000 in state taxes and fees.

CWM does not just have a small, localized impact. It impacts the entire New York State. We are often blinded to its state impacts because we cannot see them firsthand. However, we must realize that the benefits are there. CWM plays a much bigger role than once thought.

CWM's work also has a huge impact on many statewide projects. Namely, the brownfields remediation projects. We need CWM to keep operating so that these remediation projects are kept up and keep working.

We need CWM to continue operating. Without it, the State loses a key source of revenue. We will all suffer from its extinction, not just the employees. We need to think towards the future and how many people will be impacted.

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Judge McClymonds.

I am a resident of the Village of Lewiston who has taken a step back and evaluated the pros and cons of Model Cities Waste Management proposed expansion. I believe far to often this is not the case regarding any mention of chemicals in our areas due to experiences with Love Canal, spills and the like.

In reviewing CWM's history it has had a positive affect on the community. When first moving here in 2005, I was concerned about negative reports on CWM and so called publicity spurned by individuals who have closed some of the publics mind to expansion. Having experience in the chemical industry my first move was to take advantage of a yearly invite by CWM to take a complete tour of the facility. I was impressed in the manner in which disposals took place, monitored and the companies highest standards of safety. Our area has many Not for Profits, festivals, Children's Functions and like which CWM is more than willing to help financially when asked. It is my understanding they also contribute upwards of a million dollars to different towns to alleviate their tax burden. In the Town of Lewiston we have a deficit of almost seven hundred thousand and I am still trying to wrap my head around why they have taken a negative position to the expansion.

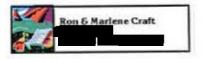
In reviewing the oppositions concerns, I believe their leaders have political agendas and individuals as the norm are not versed how chemicals are disposed of in a safe manner. I know of not one of the major opponents from our town, political or otherwise, who has taken a tour of the facility, but will not hesitate to give a negative opinion on the expansion. Another familiar negative concern from village and the town property are values. I have checked with realtors and properties are selling well. Having a business of my own, I have meet many individuals wanting to move here. The old standby of complaining of too much truck traffic has no validity because of its rural location. The route taken was agreed on by both CWM and its opponents. Opponents have also neglected to tell individuals that the area of expansion is within their borders, thus giving the public the wrong slant on its intention.

In closing I am asking you to do as I have and that is step back and evaluate the pros and cons and you will see that CWM has fulfilled it obligations to the community. The first of which is to provide a needed service, this is done by the nature of their business, which is to dispose of products safely which is a byproduct of the many items the public uses in todays world. The next is the company being a great help to community needs. This year alone the lewiston Lions club received a grant to beautify the area and CWM has donated to many causes for a number of not for profits. The third and final most important item is the company eases our tax burden in the town of Lewiston and near by towns which in turn keeps our home values at a maximum level.

I would appreciate your consideration in the above requested expansion.

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