



March 19, 2019

Dear Senate Local Government Committee,

Please accept this letter in support of SB19-192 , the Front Range Waste Diversion Grant Program. Alpine Waste & Recycling encourages you to vote in favor of this bill.

We understand the challenges faced by Colorado with waste diversion, as well as the importance of waste diversion to the Colorado community. One of these challenges is that many Colorado communities lack programs and policies to make recycling and composting convenient for residents and businesses. SB19-192 provides local governments, non-profits and for-profits financial and technical assistance to implement programs that have been proven to be successful elsewhere in the country and are detailed in the state's Integrated Solid Waste Materials Management Plan. By creating a grant program, SB19-192 creates an extra incentive for communities to develop or improve their own waste reduction and diversion programs.

In addition, SB19-192 focuses on the Front Range, where the majority of the State's waste is produced. In order for Colorado to improve it's 12% recycling rate, we must first focus efforts where the biggest impact can be made.

As a hauler, landfill owner and operator of a recycling facility, Alpine supports an increased tipping fee surcharge to provide the funding for increased waste reduction and diversion. We believe the \$0.50 per ton increase per year over 4 years is reasonable. Like most companies in our industry, our agreements allow for adjustments based on increased landfill fees, so such an increase will be manageable.

We ask you to vote in support of SB19-192 to help us move forward as a state to become a leader in sustainable waste management.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Griffith". The signature is stylized and written over the printed name.

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