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Chief Clerk, Ms. LaDonna Castañuela
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RE:Docket No. 2007-1774-MSW
BFI Waste Systems of North America, Inc.
Request filed on Permit No. 1447A

Ms. LaDonna Castañuela and Commission Members:

In reply to your recent offer for rebuttal to the Sunset Farms' request to expand the landfill at Giles Rd. in East Austin, my most immediate concern is that, due to the ongoing pollution, the BFI request be rejected. My monthly photos verify the fact that air, water and land pollution in the landfill and surrounding areas continues to grow. The highly visible Giles Road mountain is East Austin's blight.

However, the BFI landfill request is merely one aspect of our society's avoidance of solving waste management. Recent conflicts concerning landfills in Williamson and Hays counties only verify the urgency for the Commission to sensibly solve the enlarging problems of landfill management in general. Since the beginning of civilizations, human detritus has been an issue that has not been confronted until after serious problems resulted [for an instructive review of problems in our early Atlantic colonies, see Carl Bridenbaugh's books, *Cities in the Wilderness* and *Cities in Revolt*].

The recent movement to obtain zero contamination is an opportunity for an intelligent control of such end products. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has the opportunity to make Austin and all of Texas a leader in educating the public and all industries and commercial enterprises to pay attention to when, where and how their waste products are disposed of.

Although I believe education is the most important part of the process, unfortunately many do not take pollution seriously. As a

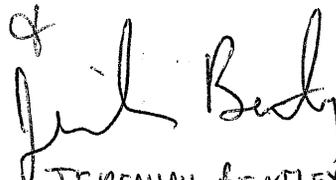
consequence, enforcement of regulations plays an important part in encouraging everyone to pay closer attention and follow constructive measures. We are all in this together.

I appreciate the opportunity to address the members of the Commission. Please listen to your constituents.

Sincerely,



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