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**RE: Comments on the Sisson Street Task Force Findings & Recommendations Draft Report**

Dear Councilwoman Ramos and members of the Sisson Street Task Force,

We appreciate your work to include more voices in the plans for the future of the Sisson Street Transfer Station, and we're heartened by the potential for increased alternative services should the site be closed without relocating.

First, we'd like to thank the Task Force for their vote to formally remove the land at 2801 Falls Road from consideration for the placement of the Sisson Street transfer station. This is the environmentally responsible decision, since the land is located in a FEMA-designated flood plain and is also subject to pluvial flooding. However, we also know that the current site is already contributing pollutants to the environment because it lacks adequate stormwater controls to prevent polluted water from flowing downhill directly into the Jones Falls. For this reason, and in solidarity with members of the Remington community who are actively advocating for the closure of this site, **we are in support of the Task Force's Proposal #2; but only when additional services are established and able to close the gap in order to prevent unintended consequences of closing the transfer station.**

As an organization that fights for the environmental rights of the residents of our watershed, we want to register our concern about the potential for increased illegal dumping without adequately accessible facilities. Long wait times at the Eastern and Western transfer stations already deter homeowners and small business people from using them, and as we have seen even [City agencies have taken to using illegal sites to dispose of trash](#).

We are asking the Task Force, on behalf of our nearly 2,000 members, to amend Proposal #2 so that **closure of the site is tied to specific requirements for expanded bulk trash collection services, increased community dumpster availability, and other innovative strategies like establishing contracts with small haulers throughout the City**. The resources currently going towards the operation of the Sisson Street transfer station should be redirected to these and other programs that bring us closer to achieving the City's zero-waste goals and reduce the burden on residents of traveling to and waiting at the remaining Transfer Stations.

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