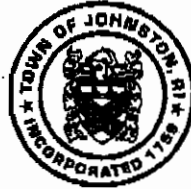


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May 1, 2001

The Honorable John B. Harwood
Speaker of the House of Representatives
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Speaker:

It is my understanding that you have pending before you two pieces of legislation that affect the Town of Johnston and I wanted to communicate with you about them.

Senate Bill 433, which passed on the Senate floor on April 24, 2001 and House Bill 6107, sponsored by Representative Robert Lowe, is currently in the House Committee on Corporations. Both of these bills are identical and would allow the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation to construct an industrial/business park on land they currently own near the Central Landfill in Johnston.

I wholeheartedly support this important legislation. It continues the goal that was first established when the Town and Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation entered into a "Host Community Agreement" in 1996. That agreement states that both parties will work in concert to establish and develop an industrial/business park in our Town.

It is important for all local communities to expand the tax base beyond its homeowners and the businesses that would ultimately be established in this park would go a long way to attain that goal. I wanted to make sure you knew that as Mayor of the Town of Johnston, I support this important legislation.

Thank you for your continued assistance and support.

Sincerely,

William R. Macera
Mayor

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cc: Sherry G. Mulhearn