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WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

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Dear Mr. Killelea:

I am an employee at a small sized vehicle recycling yard. I wake up every morning at 7am to be at work at 8:30am. It is my job to disassemble the vehicles. This includes pulling & properly disposing of mercury switches, draining the oil, antifreeze, fuel and putting them in designated containers. From this point, the vehicle is void of any contaminants and I can continue disassembling the vehicle. Now I may not be the fastest or best employee, but I get my job done right no matter how long it takes. So I know personally that I am not responsible for putting contaminants into the environment. Also, I was trained by 3 other guys to complete my job by properly disposing of hazardous material, so I can honestly say that this recycling firm does not take shortcuts in waste disposal. So far as passing the contamination blame onto these places that properly dispose of hazardous materials, I don't believe that is justified. I suggest figuring out some form of control of faulty vehicles driving up and down our highways and parking lots and you will see a drastic drop in contamination.

Placing the recycling facilities under stricter rules will place these companies under such financial distress they can't possibly keep from failing unless the means for us to abide by these stricter rules are provided at no cost to us somehow.

Thank you for taking the time to consider what I have said and I hope my words will persuade you to reconsider the new draft proposal so many local businesses can stay afloat and not bring the economy & unemployment rates down any further.

Sincerely,



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