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GRANITE STATE LANDFILL, LLC

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Dear Residents of Dalton,

On Monday, July 29, representatives of the Granite State Landfill (GSL), a subsidiary of Casella Waste Systems, Inc. (Casella) presented a project update and outlined a proposed host community agreement to members of the Dalton selectboard. Because many of you were not in attendance, I wanted to personally reach out with this information so you had it available to read and understand what the proposed landfill could mean for you and your families.

A host community agreement is not a requirement for the landfill to be developed, but as an organization we enter into similar agreements with most towns in which we have facilities like the one being proposed in Dalton. In addition to significant financial benefits, the agreement is also the best opportunity for residents to provide input that will help shape operations at the facility.

Under the proposed agreement, the town's entire \$2.1 million property tax commitment from 2023 would be offset by financial benefits of hosting the landfill. As proposed, the following benefits would be extended to the town:

- **\$2 million** in annual payments while the landfill is operational.
- Free curbside collection of trash and recyclables for all residents, non-industrial small businesses, and town-owned buildings, representing a benefit of **\$150,000 annually**, while the landfill is operational.
- Town beautification and improvement fund, replenished at **\$50,000 annually**, while the landfill is operational.
- Free acceptance of up to 1,000 tons per year of trash from the Dalton transfer station, valued at **\$65,000 annually**, beginning when the host community agreement is signed.

As presented, the landfill will provide disposal capacity for 18 years, providing critical infrastructure designed to protect human health and the environment from society's waste, and is expected to be operational in 2028 after proceeding through the necessary permitting and construction timeline.

To date, Casella has received its Shoreland Impact Permit from NHDES, and has submitted the seven others which are in various stages of review, public input, and response.

We look forward to continuing the conversation around this proposal and the future of the Granite State Landfill.

Sincerely,  
CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC.

John W. Casella  
Chairman & CEO