**STATEMENT FROM CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS**

**ON THE DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST JON SWAN**

On Monday, April 13, Casella Waste Systems (CWS) filed a defamation of character complaint against Mr. Jon Swan of Dalton, N.H. The action filed in Merrimack Superior Court is a result of the continuous use of false and malicious statements about Casella and its employees by Mr. Jon Swan.

*“Over the course of the last year, Jon Swan has obsessively preyed upon Casella’s employees, operations and company far beyond anyone’s right to object to a specific project, business, or issue. In doing so, Mr. Swan has shown a reckless disregard for the truth and civic engagement.*

*Casella has witnessed Swan’s relentless attacks and false statements. As a result, he has damaged the reputation of Casella employees, our ability to responsibly do business in New Hampshire, and set a dangerous precedent for civic involvement on critical issues.*

*Enough is enough. We’re not a society, or a company, that turns the other way when we and others are personally and wrongfully attacked. Swan’s actions over the past year have infringed upon the livelihood and freedoms of the people of New Hampshire and have taken the time and attention away from civic leaders, residents, and others who are attempting to make important, difficult decisions based on fact.*

*While the use of the courts is not preferable, it is a necessary and just action considering Mr. Swan’s attacks and false claims. No matter what decision is made in the future about a landfill in Dalton, Swan’s actions set a poor precedent in the community long-term for arriving at a fact-based conclusion about any project or issue in the community.*

*We are hopeful that this action results in Mr. Swan immediately ceasing any further false statements about Casella and helps move discussion about the project in Dalton to a more positive and productive track.”*

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