



TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STEFANI CARTER  
DISTRICT 102

November 21, 2011

The Honorable Tryon Lewis  
Texas House of Representatives  
P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Representative Lewis:

It was so nice to visit with you last week in Midland, and I wanted to send this note to reiterate the comments I made to you regarding the disposal of low-level radioactive waste at the Waste Control Specialists facility in Andrews.

As you know, I did have some concerns regarding the disposal operations during the 82<sup>nd</sup> legislative session, which I expressed to you at the time. Since then I have had the opportunity to examine the Andrews facility, speak with various people including an Andrews resident, and take a look at what the disposal of low-level radioactive waste will mean to both Texas and the nation.

As I told you in Midland, I am fully supportive of the Andrews disposal operations and want to be an active participant in the effort to ensure that the site opens in a timely fashion so that we can begin disposing of this waste as soon as possible – which will generate much needed non-tax revenue for Texas.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to assist your efforts to ensure that the Texas Compact Commission gets the funding it needs so that it can quickly adopt the necessary rules to get in compliance with your legislation – which sets firm limits on the amount of waste Texas will accept from other states.

I know this start-up phase is a critical time for the Andrews facility, but I am confident that with the oversight of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality the State will be able

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to meet its disposal and revenue targets in the safe and secure manner put in place by the passage of Senate Bill 1504, which you carried so ably through the House.

Thanks again, and please let me know if I can be assistance to your efforts on this matter.

Sincerely,



Stefani Carter

Cc: The Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the Texas House  
Bob Wilson, Chairman of Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission  
Mark Vickery, Executive Director of Texas Commission on Environmental Quality