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Dear Highland Sanitation Staff:

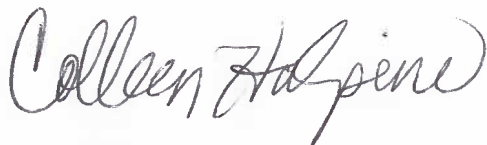
I am writing to explain my nonpayment of the Garbage Collection Services bills you mailed to me. I have never used the garbage collection service which was formed as a result of the negotiated contract between the hauler consortium and the City of St Paul. I have found other means to dispose of my garbage for my property. I have never used the city carts which are in my garage. I plan to return these to the City as I am not using them and don't want them on my property.

I am opposed to the City negotiated contract with the hauler consortium for many reasons. First among them is the increased cost. My bill for the year will be \$400 more than what I was paying before the negotiated contract went into effect October 2018. That is nearly a 100% increase.

Secondly, I object to the no sharing provision which forces more unneeded service oftentimes onto very vulnerable residents who cannot afford this service and were doing fine sharing with their neighbors.

Thirdly, and actually most importantly, I strongly object to the fact that the hauler and city negotiated contract does not reward or encourage or enhance waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting. According to a cost analysis using St Paul Public Works data authored by an economist volunteering with the grass roots group St Paul Trash.com; collection costs will increase by \$7 million each year compared to the private hauler fees collected before the negotiated contract went into effect. This additional \$7 million should not have been assessed and used for more duplicative garbage collection. Any new money going into solid waste management should be invested in waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting, reducing our overall impact on the environment.

Sincerely,



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