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Solid Waste Department

To Whom it May Concern

The La Crosse County Solid Waste Department is writing to express general support for establishing construction and demolition (C&D) material recycling within our region. Increasing diversion of recoverable materials such as wood, metal, and other building-related debris can provide meaningful environmental and economic benefits. C&D recycling has the potential to reduce landfill disposal, conserve valuable resources, and contribute to more sustainable materials management practices across our solid waste management system.

At the same time, it is essential that any proposed C&D recycling operation or program be evaluated within the broader context of the regional solid waste system. A potential proposal must include a thorough and transparent assessment of both the positive and negative impacts that the facility or service could have on existing infrastructure, public programs, disposal capacity, hauling networks, and overall system costs. Strong consideration should be given to potential changes in waste flows including the location of origin and volume, effects on local landfill operations from residual materials and additional management required, implications to municipal and private sector partners, and any unintended consequences that could arise from shifting such a substantial material stream. Any downstream vendors should be publicly identified and vetted.

For these reasons, while we support the concept of increased C&D recycling, we strongly encourage any potential recycler to provide a comprehensive proposal that demonstrates a clear understanding of the regional solid waste integrated system. A balanced approach—one that identifies opportunities while also addressing operational, financial, and environmental impacts—will be critical to ensure a potential local program enhances and supports, rather than disrupts, the long-term stability and effectiveness of our well-established system.

Sincerely,

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La Crosse County Solid Waste Department