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Ms. Katie Dykes, Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street, 3rd Floor
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

Re: Annual Plan of Operations
Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority

Dear Commissioner Dykes:

Section 22a-264 of the Connecticut General Statutes (“CGS”) requires that the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (“MIRA”) submit to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (“DEEP”), on an annual basis, an Annual Plan of Operations. The statute requires that the Annual Plan of Operations is to be reviewed by the Commissioner of DEEP for consistency with the state-wide solid waste management plan. The statute further requires that upon approval by the Commissioner of DEEP and by a vote of MIRA’s full board of directors, MIRA’s annual plan of operations shall be adopted.

In accordance with CGS Section 22a-264, please find enclosed MIRA’s Annual Plan of Operations for Fiscal Year 2021.

Regrettably, this year’s Operations Plan portends planning and design for a regressive initiative to commence large scale transport to and landfilling at distant out of state landfills. This initiative is necessary to insure continued capacity exists to serve CT municipalities upon the conclusion of renewable energy operations at the South Meadows public facility.

MIRA is disappointed in the collective failure of Connecticut’s Policy makers to recognize and mobilize to prevent this environmental and public service tragedy. We know you share our disappointment in the realization that CT will be returning to a decades old landfilling practice and the retreat from the goals of the Comprehensive Materials Management Plan.

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Despite this regrettable situation all of us at MIRA are committed to continuing our work with CT municipalities, DEEP and all stakeholders to advance the goals of environmentally sound, efficient and effective solid waste policies and practices that benefit Connecticut and its citizens.

Sincerely,



Thomas D. Kirk
President

Enclosure

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