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Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to reaffirm that Casella Waste Systems remains fully committed to responsible, transparent, and verifiable recycling practices. Given recent questions about the handling of recyclables collected in Northern Berkshire communities, I want to clearly outline the specific pathways these materials follow and confirm that they are, in fact, recycled.

Paper collected from District communities is transported to the Cheshire Hauling Site, where it is baled and prepared for market. These bales are then shipped directly to **Sonoco**, a well-established paper mill that uses recovered fiber as feedstock for new paper products. This is a consistent, reliable end market that ensures the paper collected locally is recycled.

Commingled recyclables follow a separate but equally accountable route. These materials are delivered to the **Pittsfield Transfer Station**, where they are consolidated and then transported to the **Auburn Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)**. At the Auburn MRF, the commingled stream is sorted into individual commodities—such as plastics, metals, and glass—which are then shipped to legitimate downstream processors and manufacturers. This facility is part of a regional recycling network that maintains compliance with state regulations and industry standards.

Casella continues to invest in infrastructure, technology, and partnerships that support stable recycling markets. Despite the challenges facing the recycling industry in recent years, the company has maintained its commitment to ensuring that recyclable materials collected from our communities are processed properly and not landfilled when viable recycling options exist.

I hope this information provides clarity and confidence that recycling handled through Casella is indeed occurring, and that the company remains dedicated to maintaining a reliable, environmentally responsible recycling system for the Northern Berkshire region.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
**Stephen Haeder**

**Division Manager**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Haeder".