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Mr. Mussler:

My name is Christopher Brook and I am a staff attorney at the Southern Coalition for Social Justice in Durham, North Carolina. I have been retained by the Citizens for Economic and Environmental Justice, a group of Greensboro residents supporting regional solid waste management, to investigate plans by the Greensboro City Council to re-open the White Street Landfill to municipal solid waste (MSW).

As part of this investigation, I have learned the Division of Waste Management, Solid Waste Section is currently considering Greensboro's revised 41-12 permit application submitted February 28, 2011, wherein they seek permission to discard MSW in Phase III of the White Street Landfill. I write to request this revised application not be granted pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 130A-294(4)(c)(9), which states, in pertinent part, the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NC DENR) "shall deny application for a permit for a waste management facility if the Department finds that… the cumulative impact of the proposed facility, when considered in relation to other similar impacts of facilities located or proposed in the community, would have a disproportionate adverse impact on a minority or low-income community protected by Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964."

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please do not hesitate to be in touch if I can provide you with supporting documentation.

Regards,

Christopher A. Brook