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**An Open Letter to the Citizens of Scott County:**

The Central Kentucky Landfill (CKL) has proudly served Scott County for more than 16 years, providing an essential, cost-saving, and friendly service for residents in our community. CKL has been one of the most important parts of the incredible economic development in Scott County in the past 16 years.

We have worked very hard and gone to great lengths to be a good neighbor. This has included, among other things: purchasing adjacent land to be a buffer to surrounding properties; working with state government to improve the entrance road; voluntarily adjusting—and lengthening, at our expense—the route collection trucks use to get to the landfill; and offering a free dump day each month to Scott County residents, the equivalent of an annual in-kind contribution of \$125,000.

We also maintain a critical partnership with Toyota—the area’s largest employer—with more than 99 percent of the methane generated from waste disposal at the landfill being captured and used to power Toyota’s production lines. This is one of the most important renewable energy operations in Kentucky and the entire United States.

For some time, we have sought local permission to responsibly expand the waste disposal area on our existing property to better serve the community. This expansion is meant to ensure the long-term economic success of Scott County and to make operating the landfill economically viable. Despite this clearly being part of our original agreement with the county, our requests have been met with misinformed attacks by a small but vocal group, costly hearings, lawsuits, and unnecessary local government opposition.

Because of this, we have been forced to seek alternative options to maintain operations, including a request for state approval for our expansion. We would have preferred to work this out at the local level but, despite our best good faith efforts, this proved to be impossible.

We remain committed to responsible expansion and to continuing our great service to the community. Misinformation has led to significant confusion which we want to clarify. We want to make sure everyone has the facts about our important expansion efforts. Maintaining a landfill in Scott County keeps waste collection rates low for local businesses, essential services, and residents while also providing millions of dollars in local tax revenue to support our schools, roads and other infrastructure.

There are two reasons why the CKL requires a minor expansion. First, the landfill is nearing capacity, making expansion necessary to maintain operations in Scott County, which will continue to benefit

the local community in many ways. Second, operating CKL in Scott County is not economically feasible without accepting waste from other counties.

We understand that a landfill is something everyone needs but no one wants. And that's okay, we get it. But we ask for you to pause and think on how critical the landfill is to the fabric of local infrastructure. If CKL goes away, waste disposal rates for residents will increase dramatically and the county will lose millions in annual local tax revenue. This not an outcome any reasonable person should want.

We would also like to share the facts about our expansion to clear up any confusion generated by those opposed to our efforts.

We are expanding the waste disposal area fully within the boundaries of the existing landfill area **by less than 29 acres - less than five percent of our existing property**. Even with the expansion, waste disposal will take place on less than 12 percent of our total property.

The remaining 582 acres owned by CKL will not be used for the disposal of waste, but instead will continue to serve as a green buffer between the disposal area and the community. This buffer zone is significantly larger than what is required by law.

Some have also questioned where the waste originates. In 2017, virtually all the waste disposed of at the Central Kentucky Landfill—**99.9 percent**—came from Scott County and central Kentucky counties that touch Scott County. This will remain true after our expansion.

CKL is essential to the greater central Kentucky area, and thus a very important part of the overall economic development in the Commonwealth. Expanding the landfill's waste disposal area by a few acres, maintaining the green buffer, and continuing with the necessary services ensures the long-term viability of economic development in Scott County and low disposal rates for residents and businesses.

Most Scott Countians recognize the landfill's value and necessity to the local community. A vocal few do not. We urge you to support us in this next step. We are proud to be a part of Scott County and are honored to employ more than 100 hard-working people, most of whom live in our community.

We look forward to serving you and your families for a long time to come.

Sincerely,

Todd Skaggs  
Chief Executive Officer  
Central Kentucky Landfill