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Dear Mr. Carlson:

I understand your Department has recently issued a draft permit for the Waste Management Kettleman Hills Facility. I have closely followed the permit developments on the Facility, including being briefed on the extensive health and environmental studies conducted by numerous federal, state, and local agencies. In addition, my staff has attended a number of the public meetings and hearings held on the permit extension.

Thorough studies and analysis have concluded with results that indicate public health and the environment are not being compromised. Additionally, the continuing need for California permitted hazardous waste facilities, gives me the confidence to support the continued operation and expansion of Waste Management's B-18 landfill at the Kettleman Hills Facility.

Waste Management is a critical employer within the 21st Congressional district, where unemployment sits at 14.8 percent, nearly double the national average. I believe failing to grant Waste Management the necessary permits to continue operation of its facility would have a detrimental effect on many of my constituents.

I support Waste Management and the Kettleman Hills Facility in their application to receive the necessary permits to extend the life of their hazardous waste landfill. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 559-582-5526.

Regards,

David G. Valadao
Member of Congress