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Senator Michael W. Morrissey
State House Room 413-D
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Senator Morrissey,

The establishment of a special Commission under your leadership to study Construction & Demolition debris (C&D) is a welcome sign that the legislature understands the difficulties that surround the use and disposal of this material. Although the specific charge of the Commission under s. 87 of the Green Communities Act is to form an advisory opinion on whether the use of C&D as a fuel merits the award of state subsidies, its creation provides an excellent opportunity for discussion of the nature and amount of C&D, current disposal methods, and proposed methods for reducing its toxicity.

To this end, we respectfully request that your Commission invite Dr. Ellen Moyer to testify on the subject. Dr. Moyer is a Registered Professional Engineer, with a MS in Environmental Engineering and a PhD in Civil Engineering. For an energy client, she has interviewed regulators and reviewed reports and testing data on C&D. Her testimony would be an invaluable resource for your work.

We would also request that the meetings of the Commission be made public with 2 weeks advance notice in the Monitor or elsewhere, and that we receive a list of the Commission members.

We would appreciate a prompt response as we know you are working on a short timeline.

Sincerely,

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