



January 24, 2024

Representative Stephen Casey, Chairman
House Committee on Municipal Government & Housing
Rhode Island House of Representatives
State House, Room 101
83 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: H – 7108 OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Casey and Committee Members:

I represent Narragansett Rubbish Removal, Inc. and write to you in opposition to RI House Bill H - 7108. This bill would restrict the hours of refuse collection of dumpster units within 100 feet of a dwelling unit between the hours of 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM.

This legislation would greatly impede our ability to efficiently service customers. Our operations require and rely upon flexibility and, in many cases, a need for early morning access to dumpsters to avoid traffic and congestion. Forcing collection during heavier periods of increased automobile and pedestrian traffic not only hampers efficiency, compromises safety and adds to traffic issues. Lastly, starting early also helps insure that trash is collected before the heat of the day, which can be particularly important in warmer seasons to prevent unpleasant odors and other issues.

Refuse collection is scheduled according to the needs of our customers and should remain as such. If a dwelling owner or manager desires certain hours of collections for any number of reasons, we strive to accommodate. However, a one size fits all, mandated restriction upon hours of collection is an inappropriate overreach and interferes with the customer-service provider relationship.

For these reasons, we oppose passage of H-7108.

Sincerely,

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