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Commissioner Robert Klee  
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Dear Governor Malloy and Commissioner Klee:

We at Riverkeeper are writing to urge you to reject all three of the Connecticut Solid Waste System Project (the Hartford trash incinerator) redevelopment finalist proposals and instead to adopt a Zero Waste approach.

The Mustang Renewable Power Ventures (MRPV), proposal says it would involve shipping 116,000 tons/year of Connecticut trash to Ravena, New York to be burned in the LafargeHolcim cement kiln. We oppose this proposal on its face and have serious concerns about its impacts on the Hudson River and its watershed. Further, we have recently learned that the LaFarge Ravena Plant Manager authored a letter stating that there was no agreement with MRPV to take and incinerate the trash from Connecticut, and there would be none in the future. This calls into question MRPV's reliability and trustworthiness to run such an operation and also raises questions about other potential sites for this incineration project.

For the sake of the Hudson River, its watershed, and all the communities that live with the watershed, we oppose this or any project to bring Connecticut's trash to New York State to incinerate.

Connecticut Public Act No. 14-94 states that the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection "may" select one of these three final proposals on or before December 31, 2017. We urge you to exercise your discretion to reject all three of the proposals before you, and to instead develop a Zero Waste plan with real community engagement.

Sincerely,

Paul Gallay  
President

Cc: Basil Seggos, Commissioner, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation