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April 29, 2014

Mr. James Finch, Supervisor
Town of Conklin
P.O. Box 182
Conklin, NY 13748

Re: Sales Tax

Dear James:

As many of you probably saw in the recent Press & Sun Bulletin article, Broome County has seen a significant decrease in sales tax collections year-to-year for the 1st quarter of 2014. By extrapolating this out for the remainder of 2014, the County could be looking at an over \$15M shortfall on our books (I certainly foresee this as being the worst case scenario). Even if the remainder of 2014 comes in at 2013 collections, the County is looking at a \$6.5M shortfall.

Based on what I have been able to compile, there are numerous factors that have played into the shortfall including the harsh winter, cut back in gas drilling across the border, and unemployment benefits expiring for many due to the federal government not extending benefits beyond the six month limit. The hope is that the County will see a rebound in the 2nd quarter of 2014 as the harsh winter is behind us, and gas drilling begins to pick up again after the harsh winter.

I am bringing this matter to your attention as our partner since the financial problems that the County faces, you face as well. The County has begun to take steps to mitigate the potential 2014 shortfall by bringing our larger department heads together to develop an austerity plan. We also just met with all our department heads to lay out our expectations. While our hope is that we will see a significant rebound, we need to be prepared for a potential shortfall.

I will keep you updated as we progress through the year; however, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments, or would like to discuss further.

Best Regards,

Marie Kalka
Director, OMB



Division of Solid Waste Management
Broome County Landfill

Debra A. Preston, County Executive . Daniel A. Schofield, Deputy Commissioner

May 5, 2014

APPROVAL LETTER – USER # 1014

Mr. James Finch
Town of Conklin
P. O. Box 182
Conklin, NY 13748

Dear Mr. Finch:

Your application for the Municipal Cleanup Day tip waiver for municipal collection of MSW, tires and waste from illegal dump sites to be held on April 26 2014 has been approved.

Based on your application, material collected at your cleanup day will be delivered to the Broome County Landfill on Wednesday May 7 by the Town of Conklin and Kirkwood Highway Departments. Please provide a copy of this letter, with an ORIGINAL SIGNATURE of the municipal official on the certification below, to the driver for EACH LOAD being delivered to the landfill under this program.

You will not receive an invoice, but will receive a statement that includes the total material disposed of and the dollar amount. A credit will be given to each participant at the end of the month. There is a cap of \$30,000 per year on this program county-wide. If the credits exceed \$30,000 for all participating municipalities, the waiver fees will be prorated, and a one-time adjustment to the municipality's account will be made at year-end.

Please carefully review the program guidelines you received in your application packet. Should you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at 763-4434. Thank you for your participation in this program.

Sincerely,

Carolyn P. Chalachan
Landfill Sr. Account Clerk

cc: Brian Coddington

CERTIFICATION:

I do hereby certify that these wastes were collected at the above- listed municipal cleanup day, and to the best of my knowledge, contain only approved wastes generated in Broome County.

James L. ... Supervisor Town of Conklin
Original Signature of Municipal Official Title

A reproduced copy of the signature is not acceptable.