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Lantz Farms Ltd.
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Rocky View County, AB

RE: CITY OF CALGARY

Dear Mayor Naheed Nenshi,

We invite you to come out for a drive around the outskirts of your city, and please, take the scenic route. Come down our range roads and see where we farm, live, and work. Come see first-hand what we have been dealing with for the last two decades, if not longer. I write to you today because we are fed up, overwhelmed and tired of the exponential amount of illegal dumping.

My family has proudly farmed just northeast of Calgary since 1905. When it comes to illegal dumping, what we have seen over the years has not only been alarming and infuriating; it honestly makes us feel ashamed. How have we got to this point? We are embarrassed when we have visitors, and they have to drive past garbage piles in our ditches and approaches to get to our farm. Worse—it is so frustrating that we have to clean our fields in the spring/fall before we can get the seed into the ground or the crops off. Most recently, we hauled 35 garbage bags (we had to collect all the scattered pieces) out of just one of our fields and then had to pay the dump fees to dispose of it properly.

There is something systemically broken with the current waste management practices. Collectively as residents, landowners and farmers of Rocky View County we would like to propose some solutions to this disheartening issue:

- Reduce or eliminate dump fees (include in taxes)
- Eliminate the \$25 minimum dumping fee
- Better educate residents about their garbage disposal practices
- Regulate contractor/commercial waste management
- Regulate commercial and residential building waste management
- Regulate waste removal services
- Build and provide more waste transfer stations/options
- Increase dumping fines and enforcement
- Expand landfill and transfer station hours
- Review/learn from successful waste management systems from other cities

As farmers, we take pride in our role as caretakers of this land, but combating this issue should not fall solely on our shoulders and that of our Municipal District. We propose that we work together and not point fingers. Together we can clean up this awful mess, and move forward with a stronger and more united approach against illegal dumping.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely,



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