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The Honorable Ruth Ann Minner
Governor of the State of Delaware
Tatnall Building
William Penn Street, 2nd Floor
Dover, DE 19901

Dear Governor Minner:

On behalf of the Yard Waste Management Committee, I am pleased to submit the attached document, "Yard 'Waste' Management Consensus Points." This document was prepared by the committee to answer questions raised by members of the General Assembly concerning the impact that a ban on the landfilling of yard trimmings would have on Delaware residents and businesses.

The committee was composed of representatives of a variety of stakeholders in the yard trimmings arena including municipalities, waste haulers, landscapers, and providers of lawn care products and services. It included experts in the field of organic waste processing.

Between the months of August and December of 2005, the committee met four times, established subcommittees to address specific issues, researched yard trimmings management strategies in other states, and visited a yard trimmings composting facility. The attached document is the result of these several months' deliberations. The committee agreed, by a vote at its November 30 meeting, to all of the points expressed in the document.

Delaware's Good Nature depends on you!

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I hope that this report will provide your office and the members of the General Assembly with the level of confidence needed to proceed with enacting a ban on the disposal of yard trimmings in Delaware. We would welcome any further questions or comments that you may have on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John A. Hughes for".

John A. Hughes
Secretary

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cc: Lee Ann Walling
Members of the 143rd General Assembly
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