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Mr. Wheeler,

As a taxpayer of the City of Berlin I believe that the Berlin city manager should be more involved in overseeing the property abatement process. Since the start of Mt. Carberry Landfill operations, more than 1 million dollars in property tax abatements (as recorded in the minutes) has been granted to property owners. As example, one property owner was granted a \$10,000 per year abatement for 10 years. This in itself comes to \$100,000. The reason for the abatements: they live to close or the smell is unbearable. I have also read in the newspaper that the City of Berlin appropriated \$280,000 to rehabilitate Hutchins Street on which the trash is hauled to the landfill. Cars and pickup trucks do not damage city streets like 100,000-pound 3 axle trucks and trailers do, yet Mt. Carberry does not pay taxes to the City of Berlin to help pay for this road repair.

Therefore, I am asking the city manager to start negotiating with AVRDD to eliminate all tipping fees for Berlin at the landfill. I feel that if they don't co-operate, we should protest all new expansions at the landfill in the future. I wonder if we are subsidizing the towns in the district and also North Conway, Glen, Jackson, Plymouth, Manchester, Nashua and other towns and cities. If so, this has to stop.

I am hoping for a successful conclusion to this serious condition that exists.

Respectfully submitted,


Theodore Lacasse
Taxpayer

Please forward to the Mayor and Council