

International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49

Dear Commissioner Kessler:

I am writing today to express my strong support for the expansion of the Pine Bend Landfill in Inver Grove Heights. I am the elected Business Manager/Financial Secretary for the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49. We represent 15,000 members across Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Our members are highly skilled workers, and we represent heavy equipment operators/mechanics and stationary engineers. Several of our members enjoy high quality jobs at the Pine Bend Landfill.

Our members are proud to contribute to the strong environmental record at the Pine Bend Landfill. The landfill expansion is necessary to continue serving communities in Minnesota to ensure waste is disposed of properly. In addition, the first renewable natural gas plant in Minnesota is located at the Pine Bend Landfill. This cutting-edge technology turns biogases produced by trash into renewable natural gas.

Pine Bend is the only private landfill in Minnesota that has our 49ers working on site and we hope to support these workers for years to come. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jason George
Business Manager
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