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To: Office of MPCA and Ben Crowell:

I am a resident of Fillmore County, I am a landowner, homeowner, & pay property taxes in Fillmore Cnty. This, I feel should qualify me as a person with valid interest in F C's 10 years-to the future Solid Waste Man. plans. Since my vision for Fillmore County's management of their Solid Waste would involve probably a substantial fronting of cash, and change from old way of doing business in FC Resource Recovery Dept. there should be public information meeting times set also, for the Plan I am proposing. that Fillmore C. adopt

I visit/ am a patron of the Olmsted Waste-Energy Plant 3-4x's monthly the facility is set up and staffed to make disposing of my trash and unwanted items a fun, fast, very inexpensive trip! Were Fillmore County to copy this exact model for their SWM all residents in the county would benefit. On your website it cautions that Citizen commentary should not dwell on negatives; however; visiting the current facility in Preston, MN tiny trash disposal bldg with one employee; sometimes, long lines, wait times make trash disposal nearly an all day adventure! Viewing the piles of "not accepted items" collecting at the Spring Valley, MN Waste Yard/(Harters Dumpsters) screams the need for changing the current menu FC residents are handed to conscientiously dispose of their trash.

Fillmore County pays 1.5M approx. to "Others" to dispose of trash/unwanted items after collection. I think that our county should build an incinerator, capture the heat generated from this to heat our new jail & other county offices, maybe even retrofit ductwork to extend to the Veteran's Home. There is a profit to be made in recycling and trash disposal, Building and maintaining an Incineration Plant will enable our county to accept trash from other counties instead of the other way round. Many additional jobs will be generated and training opportunities for apprentice boiler and steam management jobs will be needed. Fillmore County can immediately begin to set aside and plan with the million and a half yearly outlay of money, and invest in the future with this facility. Minnesota State has grants to buttress the cost of such a facility. Fossil fuel costs to heat the county buildings will be greatly decreased with use of the Incinerator captured steam/heat when incorporated into this SWMp. This may be a draw to a prospective business owner to locate a business that can use the advantage of heat obtained from the Incinerator. This type of facility which will function for not just 10 years but 50 years or more.

The Olmsted County Plant Burns nearly everything! carpet, carpet pads. vacuum cleaners, whatever. Modern technology has solved the problems of fumes, VOC's, Dioxides, etc produced in the burn process, with after burners. complicated filtering systems. The area around an incinerator of course must be always monitored, but these facilities have been so well studied, & systems integrated into the incineration process that environmental concerns for our atmosphere, soil, water from offgassing of fumes from incineration process is not a concern generally any longer.

Summing up: I believe the current proposed plan for fillmore countys' solid waste management is firstly, short sighted, fails to consider unknown increased costs for trash disposal year by year. placed on us from the other companies contracted with for this purpose, lacks expansive thought in regard to future needs of our community, such as fossil fuel costs increases (which can be mitigated by using incineration heat to heat county facilities, and businesses) It will add full time jobs, make trash disposal quick and easy. Will provide a facility where 99% of our trash can be burned in an environmentally safe manner for minimal cost/ visit by residents. and will be a facility that can/may accept other county' s trash. (ie. adopting this plan understands that trash can be turned into a profit for the county) Fillmore County Resource Recovery can truly be just that!

With knowledgeable, hard working, forward minded persons, to manage, lead and fill positions from 2024 -2074 Fillmore County Solid Waste Resource Recovery Dept. will have additive value to the county and all cities surrounding it!

Submitted, Judith (Judi) Tieman, 610 Main County 1, Ostrander, Mn 55961 PS: forgot to mention with incinerator facility, and revamped/restructured, recycling building, I believe roadside dumping of appliances, mattresses, will be greatly decreased, due to easy, local, low cost means of disposing of these items that is also socially accepted, unlike the shameful illegal dumping on a farmer or landowners' gully, ditch!