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Dear Mayor Giammo,

I spoke near the end of Monday night's meeting strongly in favor of once a week trash removal and optional twice a week service, with homeowners who select twice a week service paying the full cost of it. I also spoke favorably about the service I have received as part of the pilot. I believe I said something to the effect of "I love it, it's fantastic service." Although I didn't say so, I think the volume pricing option is definitely worth considering, although it's such a different concept to people that I would have suggested that you pilot it first. I am impressed with this innovative suggestion and the work done by staff to support it. Please pass along my thanks.

I'm writing because a suggestion was made to form a citizens' committee to make recommendations on the proposal. The Council members who in December favored delaying a decision in order to receive public comment also seemed interested in the suggestion to form a citizens' committee.

I do not see the need for a citizens committee. However, if the Council decides to do this, I volunteer to serve. I also suggest that the committee have a mandate to report to Council within a date certain in the very near future. This should not become an option for Council to avoid making a decision.

By way of background, I have been a budget analyst at the Federal Government Office of Management and Budget for the last 23 years, and Chief of the Budget Concepts Branch for the past 4 years. I moved to Rockville last August. My contact information is below.

Best Regards,
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