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Dear Ms. Ritter,

Thank you for forwarding the comments from the recent public comment period. We appreciate Metro's efforts to address the concerns of our surrounding neighbors and help us work towards a solution to our recent odor issues. Over the years, we have made many changes to our processing system to lessen our odor impacts. Going forward, we will continue to do everything in our power to lessen those odors.

We are thankful to read the letters in support of our company and hope that our upcoming changes will address the concerns of those who are critical of our operation.

As our once rural corner of Washington County becomes urbanized, the composting methods that have served us so well over the last 40 years are no longer suitable. Over those years we have made many changes to our system in order to lessen our odor impacts and those efforts continue to this day.

We have proactively implemented recommendations from Green Mountain Technologies and have begun the long process of changing our composting method to an aerated system.

We are in the process of re-purposing two of our existing areas to compost yard debris on an aerated surface. When the first phase is completed, 10-15% of our operation will be on an aerated surface.

Planning for the second phase of the project is also in process and when completed, 40-60% of our throughput will be on an aerated surface.

This will free up enough space that we can finally begin working to convert our main processing area to an aerated surface.

I know that this phased approach will take longer than many people would like but it is the only way that we can transition to the new system while continuing to receive yard debris from customers who have come to rely on us. During this transition, I am confident that odors will continue to decrease as the process is updated.

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While it is impossible to operate a composting facility without producing some odors, we are confident that an aerated system will further lessen our impacts and we look forward to working with the DEQ, Metro and our neighbors.

Sincerely,

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