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To whom it may concern:

Northeast Tri County Health District (District) is writing this letter to show our support for the Stevens County Solid Waste Department as they submit their application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program.

The Northeast Tri County Health District works closely with the Solid Waste Department and sees firsthand the struggles they face in adapting to ecological regulations and reducing their carbon footprint. We believe that funding from this grant program will greatly benefit the community by allowing the Solid Waste Department to implement more sustainable practices and contribute to a healthier environment for all residents.

Washington State House Bill 1799 requires the diversion of organic materials away from landfill disposal and toward food rescue programs and organic management facilities. This grant would give them the opportunity to develop innovative solutions to meet these new requirements, make a positive impact on the environment, and provide an additional revenue source for the county. Additionally, it will also help create job opportunities and stimulate economic growth within the community.

Washington State House Bill 1663 aims to capture as much carbon emissions as possible. The funds from the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program would give them the freedom to create real change in our community and take a waste product and turn it into energy. This would not only reduce greenhouse gas emissions but also contribute to a more sustainable future for generations to come. Additionally, the grant could help establish partnerships with local businesses and organizations to further support their efforts to reduce climate pollution.

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grant funds will make meaningful changes to solid waste program/services offered to our disadvantaged communities. We support all of these efforts and any grant funding that can drive progress towards environmental sustainability.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Health Director