



April 20, 2015

Honorable Chris Christie
Governor of New Jersey
P.O. Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Christie:

I am contacting your office with regard to A3455, and its companion bill S2282, which amends the definition of Class II Renewable Energy, urging your support and signature on the bill.

As you are aware, the Solar Act of 2012 inadvertently eliminated the cap on the size of hydro-facilities that qualify for Class II Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) resulting in a flood of RECs coming into New Jersey from large scale, out of state, hydroelectric facilities.

The resulting downward price pressure has harmed Renewable Energy-from-Waste facilities, such as Wheelabrator Gloucester in South Jersey, and the environmental and economic goals of generating sustainable, renewable energy in New Jersey.

For 25 years, Wheelabrator Gloucester has provided an essential, cost-competitive environmental service for New Jersey by processing up to 575 tons of post-recycled waste into enough clean energy to supply the needs of 12,000 homes. Wheelabrator Gloucester's plant also enhances recycling efforts recovering valuable metals that would otherwise be disposed of in landfills. Wheelabrator Gloucester is active and engaged in the community sponsoring educational programs, restoring wildlife, and creating and maintaining a wildlife refuge and nature trail.

As you know, this matter passed the Assembly and Senate with overwhelming bi-partisan support. Your signing A3455/S2282 will restore the State's Renewable Portfolio Standard policy and ensure the Class II sources, including waste-to-energy facilities, continue to provide renewable energy, quality jobs and benefit the economy of New Jersey.

On behalf of the Southern New Jersey Development Council – representing over 300 businesses and organizations in the public and private sectors in New Jersey's eight southern counties – I respectfully request that you sign A3455/S2282.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marlene Z. Asselta".

Marlene Z. Asselta, President
SNJDC