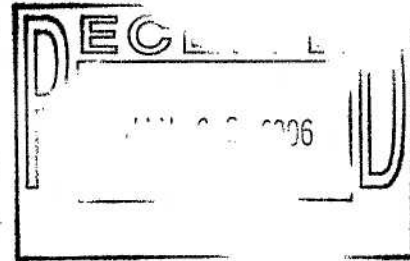


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To: Johan Berger
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Re: Manure Hauling Certification

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As a manure hauler in Pennsylvania, I felt it is my obligation to express my opinion on this new Act 49, known as Commercial Manure Hauler and Broker Certification Act.

This Act will impose increased time and money spent by the hauler that will be passed on to the agricultural operators. In turn this increased cost will be passed on to the consumer. Also with a decreased number of available (properly certified haulers), the cost to haul will increase, and as always the consumer will be the one to absorb the rising cost. Our economy is already suffering, why add yet another burden, however small?

As manure haulers, we are initially instructed by the agricultural operator on all the rules and regulations of hauling, spreading, and the record keeping, and receive constant updates as regulations change.

I for one follow the regulations to the best of my ability, and will continue to do so. A piece of paper stating I'm certified will make me no more conscientious than I already am now.

This certification will only serve to weed out the haulers who can not afford, and/or who are unable to complete the testing, therefore adding more people to the already long unemployment lines. These are people who are trying to make a living. Please reconsider Act 49 and reroute the money spent on all this planing and paperwork to something more worthwhile for the farmers of Pennsylvania.

Thank you,

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