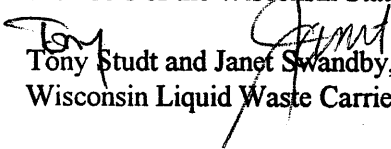


June 15, 1999

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Wisconsin State Senate

FROM:  Tony Studt and Janet Swandby, Lobbyists
Wisconsin Liquid Waste Carriers Association (WLWC)

RE: Support for Senate Bill 77

The Wisconsin Liquid Waste Carriers Association (WLWC) asks you to support Senate Bill (SB) 77, introduced by Senator Roger Breske. The bill was approved unanimously (7-0) on May 5th by the Senate Committee on Insurance, Tourism, Transportation and Corrections.

SB 77 would exempt vehicles that are used to pump septic or holding tanks from seasonal weight limitations in cases of health concerns where the septic or holding tank must be pumped within 24 hours. Within 72 hours after operating a vehicle used to pump a septic or holding tank that exceeds a seasonal weight limitation, the owner or operator of the vehicle would be required to notify the authority in charge of maintenance of the highway over which the vehicle was operated.

WLWC supports this bill because the current system of seasonal weight limitations places unwanted hardships on waste carriers and homeowners. The limitations often make it extremely difficult to service septic and holding tanks. In emergency situations when people require immediate attention and cannot wait for services, this is not only a burden for the haulers, but could potentially cause enormous health, property, and environmental damage not only to the property owner, but to the entire community. This is a situation that can be rectified with passage of SB 77.

Many of the roads in the state of Wisconsin are governed by towns, and in most of these towns a written permit granting permission to drive on roads posted with seasonal weight limitations is required. These permits are usually obtained from the town chairperson. In an emergency, this process can be a nightmare for haulers and property owners, because most town elected officials are part-time officers, who have other full-time jobs.

The members of the Wisconsin Liquid Waste Carriers Association understand the important responsibility of local officials to preserve taxpayers' investment in roads by protecting them from excessive damage caused by trucks carrying heavy loads. We would also like to acknowledge the cooperation and support we have received from the Wisconsin Towns Association in developing the specific requirements contained in SB 77.

SB 77 is not asking for a blanket exemption from seasonal weight limits for septic haulers. It is simply stating that, in cases of health emergencies, septic haulers can do their jobs and serve their customers (town residents) free of the hardships experienced with the current system.

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X - YES
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 - - Not present

Senate Committee on Insurance, Tourism, Transportation and Corrections

Wednesday, May 5, 1999

10:00AM

Room 201-SE

Roll	Roll Exec Roll	SSA SB77	SB77	SSA 71	SB 71	SB 108	SB 81	SB 120
Breske	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Shibilski	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grobschmidt	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Baumgart	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
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Shultz	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Zien	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X



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- SB 120 Grob/Shultz

April 14, 1999

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