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Open Letter to Mayor Turner and all members of the Houston City Council:

I am writing to ask you to reject the proposal by FCC to undertake recycling for the City of Houston. I am extremely opposed to the length of the proposed contract which I believe to be 15 years. That is much too long. It ties the City into an alternative that is inferior and beneath the standards that should exist for a great city.

I am committed to understanding and implementing economic solutions that conform to nature's natural cycles. The economy of the future will be defined by activities that mimic these natural cycles, and no solution comes close to the One Bin For All concept proposed under the prior administration. I urge you to thoroughly and honestly consider the One Bin alternative. I have evaluated it and find it to be outstanding – a true view of the future. I had always hoped that the City of Houston would help lead us to that future by example.

To my mind, the FCC contract is not a vision for the future, but rather a step back in time. It takes the City in the wrong direction. Please reject the contract and re-open consideration of the One Bin For All concept. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Note: I have not been paid or received any compensation at any time from anyone associated with the One Bin For All Recycling proposal. This opinion is simply mine.