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Dear Ryan O'Malley,

I am Christopher Dreher, resident of Mountain Avenue, Malden, MA. My enthusiastic message here is to follow-up on the success of the Malden Compost Program, initially proposed to me via a suggestion to the Mayor Christenson. The earnest hope and desire is to modernize our city to meet the environmental, economical, and social needs of our people by the implementation of a scrap metal and electronic-waste recycling program.

After learning about the enormous waste dilemma in the city, I am invigorated to share my recommendation for the maximization of the current Republic Services, which offers paperboard, e-waste, and appliance recycling. Justification for doubling efforts for the utilization for the present contract is that, after speaking to a Republic Services representative recently, I learned that the potential for recycling is not optimized in this city. Once residents procure separation of elements labeled as waste, and recycling, the economic magnitude of even recycling OCC (Old Corrugate Containers – Pulp & Paper Index) is actually net benefit on volume.

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Please consider the optimization of both the Republic Services, Black Earth Compost contracts, with potential for a scrap-metal recycling contract, in addition to closely monitoring the efficiencies of the Malden Department of Public Works hauling. The immense shift from allocation of materials previously classified as waste as renewable resources is a fundamental necessity for the 21st century Malden. From economical, environmental, ethical, and even educational reasons, Malden is poised to be leaders for the future generations of citizens. There are ample aspects to curbing collection of trash to incentivizing innovations in renewable resources. We, as the City of Malden, must design a most effective measure for sustaining our city. The best way to assure for this is the conservation of the City's assets, including of the 'depreciated', or 'waste' categories. The emphasis on maximization of the Republic Service, Black Earth Compost contracts, and potential scrap metal recycling, additional to the Malden Department of Public Works will help conserve and preserve the economic vitality of our city- for present and posterity communities.

Sincerely,  
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