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REP. ROLDAN AND SENATOR FONFARA OPPOSE PROPOSED WASTE TRANSFER FACILITY

State Representative Kelvin Roldan (D-Hartford) and **Senator John Fonfara (D-Hartford)** have expressed their opposition to a proposal for a new waste transfer facility on Murphy Road.

There are concerns that many similar facilities are located in and around the state's largest cities and the poorest shoulder the heaviest burden of air and land pollution. Another concern is the possibility of accidental waste spillage from transport vehicles bringing materials to the facility.

"This is a perfect example of the type of discrimination that is allowed to take place when there is a perception of defenselessness on the part of local residents," **Representative Roldan** said. "The result is increased asthma and other ailments in children and adults and a diminished quality of life. This time, however, we plan to protest from the rooftops if necessary to ensure the people have a voice."

"We have been working over the years to improve the environmental and health conditions for the residents in Hartford, and this proposal for a new waste transfer facility would have an adverse impact on those efforts," said **Senator Fonfara**.

Representative Roldan and **Senator Fonfara** are joining with the Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice and Hartford Council members in opposition to the plan. The proposal by Heritage-Crystal Clean is for a Hazardous Waste Transfer Facility at 94 Murphy Road.

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