

**Testimony in support of H5422: School Waste Recycling and Refuse Disposal**

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To Chair McNamara and the honorable Members of the House Education Committee:

I support H5422 because it ultimately will reduce waste and let the schools lead by example, which will have leverage: the students will witness the school's efforts, and this will positively impact their own and their families' awareness about recycling and waste reduction, and teach about the value of food.

The bill provides many other benefits: creating awareness of the current status through waste audits, minimizing food waste with food tables and food donations to the food bank, engaging vendors, composting, recycling, and teaching students about litter prevention and recycling.

Please bring the bill to a vote in 2025.

Thank you very much for considering my input, and thank you to Representative Carson for introducing this important bill.



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