

Testimony of Jerimiah Traub, Business Development Manager, ReMix Organics House Bill number 5422, An Act relating to education—School Waste and refuse disposal 3/5/2025

My name is Jerimiah Traub and I am the Business Development Manager for ReMix Organics. We are an organic waste management company based in Providence Rhode Island. We have been diverting Organic Waste from Rhode Island's landfill since 2013 and have diverted over 35,000 tons of organic waste to date.

We put organic waste streams to work creating renewable energy and healthy soils in an effort to promote healthy and resilient communities. I am testifying in support of house bill number 5422.

I am also a resident of Warwick, Rhode Island I am concerned about the future of our landfill capacity and the cost we will all share the burden of when it is full. It is not a matter of if, but a matter of when. I am also concerned with the fact that roughly 38% of households are food insecure.

This bill helps address both of these concerns while also following the <u>Food Recovery Hierarchy | Sustainable Management of Food | US EPA</u>. By focusing on reducing waste, feeding hungry people, and diverting what's left over from the landfill and putting it to better use our community is healthier and more resilient. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Jerimiah Traub

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