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My name is Kendra Gay and I am a resident of Lincoln.

I am in full support of HB No. 5422 that is currently before the house. This revised bill will enforce the previous law which is needed to save our environment and help to keep the Central Landfill in Johnston open longer, ultimately saving taxpayers millions. The benefits of this bill go far beyond the monetary savings, though. Removing food scraps from the landfill removes methane, a dangerous greenhouse gas, from our climate. Schools waste a lot of food, so this is a great place to teach the next generation how to dispose of their waste properly. The effects are felt immediately by simply sorting the cafeteria trash into bins for compost, liquids, recycling, landfill and having a share table for perfectly good food. We need to make composting and recycling a normal part of everyone's lives and this is a good start. Please support this bill when the time comes.

Thanks!

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