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Good afternoon,

I am a member of the Lincoln School Committee and co-chair of the District's Health and Wellness Committee.

During the 2024-25 school year, supported by the RI School Recycling Program (RISRP), the District successfully introduced their Food Waste Recycling Model in all 4 of our Elementary Schools. We are looking forward to do the same at Lincoln Middle School before the end of the current school year. As has been the experience of many schools across RI who have worked with RISRP, our elementary schools have seen a dramatic reduction in the amount of food waste. We know that reducing food waste reduces the disposal cost to the Town. There is also a very valuable educational component to the RISRP's program that is valuable for our students, especially those that had the opportunity to visit the RIRRC facility last Spring.

I am asking for your support for H- 7342 (School Waste Recycling and Refuse Disposal), is similar to the same bill that came before the Education Committee last session. It clarifies what can be included on a Share Table as well food safety requirements, spells out requirements for Food Service Vendors that bid on state contracts with public schools and clarifies the monitoring requirements for those school districts working with a composting facility to handle their food waste.

Given the limited life/capacity of the current RIRRC and the challenges/cost that will come when that facility is no longer able to take our waste, it is imperative that local communities do all that they can to limit the amount of waste collected every week.

I ask for your support for this bill.

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