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Dear Chair McNamara and Members of the House Education Subcommittee,

This letter is in support of 2026 HB-7342 School Waste Recycling and Refuse Disposal. There is no controversy about the need to extend the life of our landfill. For the past year, I have volunteered in North Kingstown school lunchrooms and witnessed that existing law is working to reduce the significant amount of waste school lunchrooms sent to the landfill. The amendments in HB-7342 are needed to speed the process of having more schools adopt these common sense changes. School waste reduction programs promote sharing food with those in need and promote behaviors that make our community more sustainable. This behavior change is essential if our children are to develop skills needed to deal with current and future environmental challenges.

Ten years from now, we are likely to be wishing we had done more to reduce waste . I urge your support for HB-7342.

Sincerely,
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