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We don't think it's necessary.

In such difficult times, it makes no sense for lawmakers to consider a new tax that would hurt working families, local businesses and our employees the hardest. Haven't we been through enough? Our state already has a good curbside recycling program. And there are other ways to make it even better that do not require raising prices for those who can least afford it.

I ask that lawmakers stand with local restaurants like mine, our employees and our customers and not move forward with H-6207.

Thank you for your consideration.

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