

Dear Legislators,

You have already made an important step toward extending the life of our landfill and fighting climate change by requiring large food waste producers to divert their food scraps into something useful. This is a smart policy, but unfortunately it's not working. No agency has the authority to enforce the law, so there is little incentive for large food waste producers to comply.

H7622 is an easy fix for this problem: give the DEM enforcement authority. Research comparing outcomes in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and other states with similar policies found that only Massachusetts was effectively diverting food scraps - because only Massachusetts had an enforcement mechanism. (You can read more about it [here](#).)

Here in Rhode Island, we have food banks ready to receive donations of food that's still good to eat, along with a strong and growing network of food scrap processing facilities to turn everything else into compost for our soils. Let's keep improving our state by tweaking the food scrap diversion law so that it works. Please vote yes on H7622.

Kind regards,

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