

Testimony in support of House Bill 7622, House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, February 26, 2026, by Peter Trafton, Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Chair Bennett and Honorable members of the House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

It is nice that Rhode Island has rules and regulations that require covered entities to compost or treat with anaerobic digestion food and other organic waste materials. However, approximately 70,000 to 100,000 tons of food waste are still sent to Rhode Island's Central landfill annually. I hope you agree that the rules and regulations should be enforced, as Rep Cortvriend and her colleagues recommend.

Please, let's do this, even if it requires funding additional staff. Please pass H 7622!
The landfill is rapidly filling up. We must extend its life as much as possible to save substantial costs in the future.

Thanks for considering my input.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Trafton". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Peter Trafton