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Dear Legislature,

My name is Chloe Macaluso and I support H7675 because this legislation will advance the important issue of addressing waste food in RI.

Every year we are sending over 100,000 tons of food to the landfill. That represents about $\frac{1}{3}$ of our waste stream. Additionally, Rhode Island's only landfill will be full in 2046. Once the landfill is full, we'll be forced to ship our waste out of state, which will cost exorbitant amounts of money. Reducing the amount of material we send to the landfill is a critical step in prolonging the life of the landfill, and food waste is a great place to start. Food in the landfill is not only wasted space, but a wasted resource. Much of this food is perfectly edible and could be donated. Some of it could never have been wasted at all. Additionally Compost does wonders for our soil, food system, and community. Therefore we should invest in infrastructure and the organizations dedicated to reducing food waste, increasing surplus food donation and using wasted food as a resource.

This bill will provide funding on a pay as you throw basis by applying a \$2 surcharge for waste going to the landfill. This will provide an incentive to waste less in addition to providing vital funding to the program necessary for a sustainable wasted food system.

I urge you to support h7675 and help our soil, our climate, and our future.

Thank you,
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