

Testimony in support of H7675: AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
COMPOSTING AND ORGANIC WASTE DIVERSION

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To Chairman Shanley and members of the House State Government & Elections  
Committee,

I support H7675 that establishes a Compost Fund to award grants related to reducing the amount of solid waste generated in the state. Increasing composting and reducing the waste what goes to our landfills is a common sense, practical, and very attainable objective which H7675 will facilitate. I commend the authors of the bill, which was carefully thought through and well-articulated.

One of the most important aspects of the bill is the levy of a solid waste disposal surcharge linked to the eligibility for accessing the municipal waste diversion grant fund. This opt-in approach is a good way to build momentum for composting in RI. It could also help avoid the "government overreach" outcry that will surely occur from certain groups opposing the bill.

Thank you to the authors of the bill for their foresight and leadership in developing and proposing such useful and highly pragmatic legislation.

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