

Testimony in Support of S2441: (AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- COMPOSTING AND ORGANIC WASTE DIVERSION)

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Dear Chairman DiPalma and Senate Finance Committee Members,

I fully support S2441 and commend the sponsors of the bill. This bill is leadership in action. There is no downside to this bill. It will help keep organic waste out of the landfill, it will help produce more healthy food, and it will help grow more small businesses in RI.

Groundwork RI ([Harvest Cycle Compost – Groundwork Rhode Island](#)) is an example of a small RI organization that is making a real difference in the composting space. They collect compost (on bicycles) from businesses and residents. They are a fast-growing organization (their services are in demand), but are struggling with day-to-day funding due to the elimination of federal grants and programs.

Please advance S2441 and help accelerate composting and growing small businesses and organizations across RI.

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