



**State of Rhode Island**  
**Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos**

April 28, 2026  
The Hon. Louis DiPalma  
Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
82 Smith Street, Room 211  
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Letter of Support for S2441: An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Composting And Organic Waste Diversion

Dear Chair DiPalma:

I write to you in support of S2441: An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Composting And Organic Waste Diversion. This bill establishes Compost Fund to award grants related to reducing the amount of solid waste generated in the state.

The benefits of composting are clear: Composting helps prevent soil erosion, assist in stormwater management, promotes healthier plant growth, and of course reduces waste. At a time when, according to the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation, roughly 80,000 tons of food is buried in the central landfill every year, we simply must find new and innovative ways to eliminate food waste and mitigate the environmental consequences of our landfills.

This bill creates pathways for more sustainable and regular composting programs throughout the state by creating competitive composting and waste diversion grant funding, in addition to several other grants at the municipal level. By incentivizing composting, we can slow the rate at which our central landfill will be filled while also creating sustainable food waste practices.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote this bill favorably out of committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sabina Matos".

Sabina Matos  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Rhode Island  
CC: Senator Bridget Valverde