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From: Ella Kotner <ellaekotner@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 9:58 AM
To: Sen. DiPalma, Louis P.; Senate Finance
Subject: Testimony FOR S2447: Tax credit for food donation

Dear Chairman DiPalma and Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support of S2447, tax credit for food donation.

I am a community composter in Providence, and I see the scale of our food waste problem every day. But I know that I am only seeing a fraction of the food that isn't eaten. Most of it is getting sent to the landfill, even though much of it is perfectly fit for eating. Meanwhile, nearly 1/3 of Rhode Islanders are food insecure. We are throwing away edible food while our friends and neighbors go hungry. This makes no sense. We should be making it lucrative and easy for businesses to donate their leftover food to hungry people. We should be feeding people, not landfills. S2447 would help do this.

I urge you to support S2447 to help make Rhode Island close to zero waste and total food security.

Sincerely,
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