



This bill will give those organizations another tool in the toolbelt to work with businesses. It will give the businesses an incentive to start donating food and when they see that it can be done with minimal effort we know they're going to get on board.

It's a bill that is supported by a broad coalition of organizations from the nonprofits who would accept the food, like the RI Food Bank to the potential donors like the RI Food Dealers Association and Hospitality association.

The rescue and diversion organizations mentioned above will long term also need consistent funding as Senator Valverde's Compost Fund bill SB2441 will help provide. So we hope you will vote to move both of these bills through the committee as together these bills will go a long way to getting good food out of the landfill, extending the landfills life, feeding hungry people and making RI a better place to live.

Thank you for your consideration,

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