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LD 1065

Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and Members of the Committee,

I am submitting comments in favor of LD 1065 An Act Regarding the Reduction and Recycling of Food Waste. LD 1065 will put Maine back in step with the positive stewardship models of the other New England states. Currently Maine is the only state in the region not employing food waste diversion programs like recycling and composting.

Food waste is the largest component of Maine's limited and valuable landfill capacity. Adoption of LD 1065 is expected to remove a quarter of the state waste load. This action alone will relieve pressure to expand the footprints of landfills in Maine. The food waste ban in Massachusetts has diverted more than 380,000 tons of food waste each year.

Maine has a part in the global waste crises. LD 1065 is an action Maine can take to make positive change.

Respectfully,  
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