

I am writing you to ask that you please support HF1165. This important legislation will amend the State's Plastic Bag Labeling law ([325E.046](#)) to apply to all food or beverage products and packaging. It will restrict companies from greenwashing their products and bags. This bill is essential to guarantee that all compostable products are truly so and customers will not be misled by false advertising. Benefits of expanding this bill include:

1. Reduce misleading claims of manufacturers and distributors to restaurants and other food establishments buying take-out containers.
2. Reduce resident confusion about whether an item is compostable.
3. Reduce contamination received at source-separated organics compost sites allowing them to produce quality compost.

Without this bill, costs for organics recycling programs will continue to increase for municipalities, resident participants and composters alike. Each group must deal with the additional waste created when misleading labeling impacts purchasing decisions, processing, and sale and use of finished compost. When products are incorrectly labeled as compostable that are not compostable, the whole waste stream for organics is contaminated and we all receive compost that is contaminated. Labeling compostables correctly will make sure we have good quality compost and a safe and clean environment.

It is important for this law to be passed this session as many communities have invested in/are expanding/adding organics recycling programs for residents and commercial businesses. Once again, we encourage you to support this bill. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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