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RE: In support of HF 79.

Dear Committee Chair and Members,

The Minnesota Composting Council (MNCC) is a statewide non-profit dedicated to the development, expansion, and promotion of the composting industry based on sound science, principles of sustainability and economic viability.

Composters (and landfills) cannot control what is received by their facilities. Even if they do not accept products that contain PFAS, they still come into the facility. PFAS compounds have been found in storm water at compost facilities and landfill leachate. The State requires all contact water from source-separated organics material composting facilities to be brought to a wastewater treatment facility. For some compost sites this has equated up to \$7,500 per day increased operating cost during years with heavy rain events. These increased costs have seriously impacted their economic viability. The MNCC fully supports the author's interest in prohibiting PFAS from being added to food packaging. Doing so will help protect public health and the environment and have a positive impact on the operations of compost facilities, landfills and waste-water treatment facilities.

Please contact us if you have any questions, 763-370-5618. We welcome the opportunity to work with the MPCA, counties and cities of Minnesota on this and other composting related programs.

Sincerely,

Ginny Black, MNCC Chair