

## Opportunity to Help with CT Organics Diversion Law Improvement - SB 1081

Composting Council Members and Allies that are in or do business in Connecticut:  
HELP IMPROVE FOOD SCRAP SEPARATION AND COLLECTION! Take action NOW!

Two years ago Connecticut legislature enacted PA 11-217 to start pushing source-separated organics from groceries and other major generators towards composting and anaerobic digestion. This year a new bill has been introduced that addresses several of the shortcomings in that legislation.

The bill simplifies the existing organic waste diversion law by setting a firm start date of January 2014 for source separation and diversion for the regulated class of generators. Previously the start date was unclear and was based on installed capacity within the state. The regulated class of generators are commercial food wholesalers or distributors, industrial food manufacturers or processors, supermarkets, resorts or conference centers that that generate more than 104 tons/year.

The bill also sets the year 2020 as the date when all generators in this class, regardless of volume, will need to divert.

These clarifications are great for organics diversion in CT - they create the regulatory certainty necessary to drive investment and grow the organics recycling industry in CT.

The latest version of the bill is here. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2013/TOB/S/2013SB-01081-R01-SB.htm>

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Senator Meyer is Chair of the Environment Committee. The bill has a variety of solid waste stuff in it, and Senator Meyer's been hearing about it from haulers who don't like it. CT DEEP Deputy Commissioner Macky wants Sen. Meyer to know that there is a constituency out there who support other important provisions of the bill. DC Macky is asking if we could call Sen. Meyer's office (OK to leave a voicemail) expressing support for the bill, and specifically mentioning the food waste provisions. It would also be good to call Rep. Gentile, who is House Chair of Environmental Committee.

Senator Meyer's contact info:

Phone: 860-240-0455, or Toll-free: 1-800-842-1420

Email form: <http://www.senatedems.ct.gov/Meyer-mailform.php>

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Please forward this to others who will support improved organics recycling in Connecticut.

Thanks for your help!

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