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I ask for the establishment of strong, Vermont-style de-packaging standards that maintain source separation and prevent contamination.

Some ideas include: -Inbound contamination limits -Mandatory recovery rate of 90% of accepted materials -Prohibition on accepting easily recyclable materials -Prohibition on commingling packaged food with pure food waste -Prohibition on sending pure food waste through a de-packaging machine.

Please remove or revise provisions that rewrite statutory definitions for "organic materials" (page 6), "source separation" (page 53), and shift ownership away from generators (page 8).

Protect and expand compost infrastructure by adopting practical, achievable contamination reduction policies upstream and training requirements for facilities (page 105).

I do not believe that increased compliance burdens and restrictions at the facility without upstream changes (starting on page 75) are the answer.

In section 220 and 225, require training minimums for all organics management facility operators to mirror those they have drafted for compost facility operators.

We have seen the negative impact on the composting and recycling industries in states such as Maine and Vermont when non-source separated organics collection invited generators (groceries, food distributors, and other large generators) to toss ALL (including previously source separated and composted organics) inedible food waste into dumpsters headed for de-packaging. This has forced a lengthy process in the State of Vermont to re-affirm the intent of its source separated organics law, yet many composters never recovered, leaving a deficit of compost for healthy soils in the State.

I am concerned that the "green" State of Washington could face similar impacts on its robust and developed compost industry, and healthy soil policies needing quality compost.

Please work with the State of Washington's composting and recycling industries to ensure that appropriate levels of inbound contamination are fairly set for the composting and de-packaging industries; while maintaining the intent to source separate organics for composting and divert packaging from landfills.