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5% is not an ambitious enough goal for waste reduction over 20 years. In fact, with only a 5% waste reduction goal, total tonnage will continue to increase. We are in a waste crisis, and if this plan is meant to actually manage solid waste properly to address this crisis, this goal needs to be increased. In addition to an increase in the waste diversion goal, there needs to be more policies and programs that would support waste diversion. In line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, we must set a goal of at least 50% waste reduction by 2030 and 75% or higher by 2042 (as compared to current total waste generated), as well as a waste diversion goal of 90% by 2042. This is what the climate emergency demands and we must rise to this challenge. The plan names "reduction" as the highest point on the hierarchy, yet provides NO policies suggestions on how we approach reduction and still advocates for incineration. This is unacceptable. We need bold language addressing hyperconsumption and tangible actions creating a culture shift enabled by government.