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- WHEREAS: food rescue programs can provide millions of meals annually to Minnesotans experiencing food insecurity; WHEREAS: composting organic material locally improves soil health, water retention, and reduces the need for synthetic fertilizers;
- WHEREAS: communities near landfills and incinerators often face disproportionate environmental and health impacts, making waste diversion an environmental justice priority;
- WHEREAS: investing in local composting and organics infrastructure creates jobs and supports Minnesota's circular economy.

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The added benefit of investing in local composting and organics infrastructure creates jobs and supports Minnesota's circular economy.

I hope you will support this much needed, important bill to reduce waste and prevent having to open more landfills as well as preventing more methane from contributing to climate change.

Thank you,