

**BRISTOL TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE  
2025 COMPOSTING AND ORGANIC WASTE DIVERSION ACT (HB 5195/SB 0104)  
RESOLUTION No. 2025-6-18- F3**

**WHEREAS,** Rhode Island communities dispose of over 100,000 tons per year of wasted food alone in the landfill, paying millions of dollars in tip fees to do so,

**WHEREAS,** The Central Landfill is rapidly filling and projected to close in 2046 if no action is taken by the state, resulting in drastically increased municipal solid waste costs,

**WHEREAS,** Methane from landfills, generated by organic materials, is the third leading emitter of methane in the US, a greenhouse gas twenty-five times more potent than carbon dioxide.,

**WHEREAS,** The adoption of this legislation will promote the transition to a more sustainable, environmentally friendly, and circular organic waste system, through education and infrastructure development,

**WHEREAS,** Investing in composting has been shown to create at least 4x more jobs than landfilling,

**WHEREAS,** Compost utilization has been shown to have numerous benefits, such as supporting local food growth and food security, sequestering carbon, managing stormwater, mitigating climate change, and fostering municipal resilience,

**WHEREAS,** Supporting the 2025 Composting and Organic Waste Diversion Act demonstrates our dedication to addressing climate change and advancing sustainability efforts within our jurisdiction;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Bristol Town Council respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly to pass the 2024 Composting and Organic Waste Diversion Act (H-5195/S-0104);

**RESOLVED:** That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Bristol Town Council to all 38 other town councils in Rhode Island, State Senators, State Representatives, and relevant stakeholders, urging them to prioritize and advocate for the swift enactment of the 2025 Composting and Organic Waste Diversion Act;

Passed as a resolution of the Bristol Town Council this 18th day of June, 2025.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Nathan Calouro**  
**Chairman, Bristol Town Council**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Melissa Cordeiro**  
**Town Clerk**