



## TESTIMONY

HB 6664 Managing Waste and Creating a Waste Authority

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To: Honored Co-Chairs Sen. Lopes and Rep. Gresko, Vice Chairs Sen. Hochadel and Rep. Palm, Ranking Members Sen. Harding and Rep. Callahan, Distinguished Members of the Environment Committee

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On behalf of CTLCV, thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 6664 regarding waste management.

Everyone agrees that Connecticut is struggling with a waste crisis. We applaud the efforts of this Committee and the Administration for putting forward legislation to reduce our waste stream, especially with regards to food waste. Organic waste diversion could potentially reduce our waste stream by 20%.

However, we urge you to **exclude Chemical Recycling as an acceptable technology** to reduce our plastic waste.

This process uses toxic chemicals and creates waste that would be burned and wind up back in the environment.

This polluting technology is being pushed on our state by the petrochemical industry which puts its profits above the best interests of the public and our environment.

We respectfully ask the Committee to **oppose Chemical Recycling, and specifically exclude it in the definition of recycling in Section 1.**

CTLCV is also concerned that this bill allows industry to set its own recycling and diversion goals with limited oversight or enforcement. We urge the Committee to **incorporate mandatory, enforceable reduction targets and strong state oversight.**

Thank you for considering these comments.

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