



April 16, 2018

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The Honorable Governor Dayton  
Minnesota State Capitol  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: SF No. 1940

Dear Governor Dayton:

The Minnesota Composting Council (MNCC) opposes SF 1940 - Solid waste management tax rebate for materials removed from the waste stream for recycling, composting, or reuse required and urge the Committee to oppose SF 1940.

Source separating materials from the waste stream is valued over incinerating and landfilling and has been supported by placing a tax on waste. Removing this tax is removing the incentive to separate recyclables and compostables. Materials removed from the municipal waste stream via mixed waste processing has been proven to provide very low quality, contaminated recyclables and compostable materials to end processors.

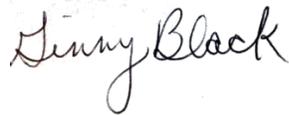
Specifically, organics removed from the MSW waste stream are contaminated with glass, plastic and heavy metals rendering the compost from these materials virtually unsalable and in some cases unusable for anything other than daily landfill cover.

Additionally, the refund rate is based on a self-reported tons diverted for composting or recycling. There is no requirement for submission of weight receipts or evidence that the composted materials were actually recycled in to a finished product that could be use beneficially.

This will be an unprecedented language change and will cause serious issues for recycling and compost facilities and end markets. I have attached the MNCC's comments which offer more details for our opposition to this bill.

We appreciate your consideration of the MNCC's concerns oppose this proposed language change. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would like supporting documentation for our comments. Thank you and we hope you continue to support the recycling and composting industries in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ginny Black". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "G" and "B".

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CC: Governor