

ABAG (Association of Bay Area Governments) Power Public Comment

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Hello my name is Alexandra Shaw and I am a sustainability student at California State University Northridge. I saw the SB 1383 plan on the California Recycle website and was immediately interested in supporting. The title of the bill is “Procurement of Recovered Organic Waste Products” and this is the best summation to explain the goal of this. As a sustainability student and advocate, I felt I had to come and share with you how important I feel bills like these are for the future of our planet. With the way we are conducting our food and yard waste now, the way we put all of it into one giant landfill is actually depleting and worsening the climate crisis. It is important that every household has a compost bin for collection, but what happens with the food and yard clippings after is equally, if not more, important. It is also a waste to keep compost and yard clippings in a pile when they could be used and renewed for sources of energy for the public. According to the California Recycle website, this bill is expected to be statewide and I expect this to be implemented in every city and town so that none are missed. It is important that everyone has access to this plan so that they too reap the benefits, therefore making the climate crisis better for everyone.

Food and food waste is one of the biggest factors of climate change. This can be from food waste (food that is not eaten and therefore wasted), improper disposal of food waste and impactful amounts of methane. This bill would make sure that no one goes hungry because there will be no food being wasted, and the compost and yard clippings would be used to ensure food growth and security on farms and community gardens. This also gives us a chance to renew our relationship with food and really understand how valuable compost can be if we use it effectively and correctly.

These materials can also create renewable fuel, heat and electricity for our communities and planet, ensuring climate change is lessened because of it.

Overall, this plan is well thought out and organized. I give my full support to California’s Section SB 1383 because it helps tackle climate change that is regenerative and renewable for our present and future generations. This problem effects everyone on the planet and can be solved by everyone on the planet as well.