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Governor Phil Murphy  
Office of Governor  
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Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Murphy,

The US Composting Council, in partnership with the NJ Composting Council, strongly urges you to VETO A3726/S1206. These bills, which started out as a way to support and expand the state's food waste recycling industries, have been co-opted into a "sham recycling" bill that will continue to send the state's food waste to landfills and incinerators. DISPOSAL IS NOT RECYCLING! Organics recycling takes discarded food wastes and manufacturers new products, sometimes first extracting green energy, thus providing valuable economic, social and environmental benefits. To give recycling credit to disposal facilities is an Orwellian feat worthy of 1984, not New Jersey in 2019.

You should veto these bills and send them back to the legislature to give the people of NJ what they want: better food waste recycling infrastructure. That infrastructure, comprised of haulers, composters, digesters, and users, helps reduce greenhouse gas production and environmental pollution, while improving the health of the garden state's soils.

Sincerely,

Frank Franciosi  
Executive Director