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The Honorable Judy Aron
House Environment and Agriculture Committee
Granite Place Room 153
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Support for HB 1282 establishing a commission to advise the department of environmental services on food waste diversion.

Dear Chair Aron and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding HB 1282 on behalf of Collaborative Solid Waste Strategies. We are a New Hampshire-based non-profit environmental organization dedicated to promoting sustainable management of solid waste.

HB 1282 would establish the organic and food waste diversion commission in the department of environmental services. Food waste and associated organic materials comprise the single largest component of municipal solid waste by weight in New Hampshire. Diversion of organics from the waste stream is desirable for multiple reasons. Organics take up considerable space in landfills and release methane as they decompose in the anerobic conditions of buried waste. Because organics have a relatively high moisture content, they reduce the efficiency of waste-to-energy facilities and increase the amount of supplemental fuel required for effective incineration.

A focused commission of stakeholders can bring creative ideas to the table and facilitate the adoption of policies and practices that increase diversion of organics and food waste from New Hampshire's waste stream. We suggest that the Committee consider including the New Hampshire Lodging and Restaurant Association in the membership of the proposed Commission.

We urge you to vote HB 1282 **OUGHT TO PASS**.

Sincerely,

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