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Dear Chairwoman Sheldon and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of VPIRG, I want to thank you again for allowing us to offer testimony last week concerning possible changes to Act 148. In his testimony, Paul Burns mentioned a petition we had shared with our members inviting them to sign. Approximately 830 Vermonters have signed on so far, expressing their interest in preserving recycling and food scrap diversion policies.

If there is data-based evidence presented that justifies more targeted, temporary relief from state environmental requirements, that proposal may be worth considering. However, we have seen only unspecified claims to justify the proposals you have before you, which is not enough to warrant this sweeping change.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration, and please let me know if you have any questions. The petition language is below, and the full petition and the names of those who have given their support can be found here: [www.vpirg.org/2020RecyclingPetitionSigners](http://www.vpirg.org/2020RecyclingPetitionSigners).

Sincerely,

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