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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers President, Board of Alders City of New Haven 165 Church St New Haven, CT 06510

RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE SOLID WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RECYCLING GRANT AWARD FROM US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO PROVIDE FOOD WASTE COLLECTION FOR COMPOSTING.

Dear Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers,

The City of New Haven, in partnership with the Towns of Hamden and Branford and the City of West Haven, is requesting authorization to apply for and accept funding from the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection's Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) grant program.

The grant would fund the implementation of a regional municipal food waste composting program, which would enable the collection of food waste from New Haven residents and facilities and fund investments in regional infrastructure for composting food waste in aerated static pile facilities, such as those currently in operation in West Haven.

We respectfully request your honorable Board's favorable actin on the attached Order authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept funding through the SWIFR program.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (203) 946-8582.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Winter

Executive Director