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TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow, Chair
The Honorable John Boozman
U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
328A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for S. 2388, the COMPOST Act

Dear Chair Stabenow and Ranking Member Boozman:

The undersigned organizations and companies are working to promote a more circular bioeconomy by supporting the diversion of food scraps to composting and the use of valuable compost. We urge you to support action on S. 2388, the Cultivating Organic Matter through the Promotion of Sustainable Techniques Act of 2021 (the COMPOST Act).

The COMPOST Act is designed to meet the growing demand from individuals and businesses to compost food scraps and certified compostable packaging, assisting with the transition to a circular economy. Unfortunately, many communities lack access to composting programs that can meet their range of need.

To help fill this critical infrastructure gap, the COMPOST Act would create new USDA grant and loan guarantee programs for composting infrastructure projects, including both large-scale composting facilities as well as farm, home, or community-based projects. The bill would also promote composting as a conservation practice by farmers.

Increased investment in composting infrastructure can help our country address growing concerns about the changing climate and depleted soils while creating jobs, particularly in underserved rural and urban communities. Composting is also one of the most environmentally friendly means of organic waste disposal, and the COMPOST Act represents a powerful opportunity to help reach net zero emission goals.

Investing in composting infrastructure promotes rural development, sustainability, and job creation. As supporters of a more sustainable future, we urge you to consider action on the COMPOST Act.

Sincerely,

3M COMPANY
Amcor Flexibles North America
Amy's Kitchen
Asean Corporaton (Stalkmarket
Compostable Family of Brands)
BASF Corporation

Be Green Packaging
Better Earth
BioBag
Biodegradable Products Institute, Inc.
Bricko Farms, Inc
Californians Against Waste

COIM USA, Inc
Corn Refiners Association
Country Oaks Landscape Supply and
Composting
Cutting Board Resurfacing, LLC
DAIHACHI CHEMICAL INDUSTRY CO.,
LTD.
Danimer Scientific
Dart Container Corporation
Dongguan Jinfuliang Plastic Technology
Co., Ltd.
Earthfirst Biopolymer Films by PSI
Eastman Chemical
EcoSafe Zero Waste
EcoWorldStore.com
Erthos Inc.
Essity North America
Evanesce
Finite Phoenix LLC
Foodservice Packaging Institute
Footprint LLC
Grabio Greentech Corp.
GreenGood USA LLC
Greenlid
Latin Fresh
LidWorks, Co.
Michigan Organics Council
Michigan Recycling Coalition
Minima Technology Co LTD
Natur-Tec

Natural Resources Defense Council
NatureStar Global LLC
NatureWorks
The New Moon Cafe/MoonBeans Coffees
Newlight Technologies
Novamont North America
Pactiv Evergreen Inc.
PepsiCo
Plant Based Products Council
Pod Pack International
Printpack, Inc.
Repurpose Inc
Resource Recycling Systems, Inc.
Sabert Corporation
Smile Coffee Werks PBC
Source Atlantique Inc.
South Hill Compost
TAIS (Trito Agro Industrial Services)
TC Packaging
TIPA Corporation
Total Corbion PLA Americas LLC
US Composting Council
US Green Building Council
World Centric