

# *31<sup>ST</sup> BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD*

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## **RESOLUTION NO. 4387 URGING THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADOPT STATEWIDE MEASURES ALIGNED WITH STAMFORD'S SUSTAINABLE WASTE ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Ned Lamont has recognized the urgent need for sustainability initiatives and has called for bold action to reduce waste and address climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, Connecticut must fundamentally rethink how it manages refuse to reduce waste, lower costs, and protect the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the breakdown of single-use plastic food ware contributes to microplastic pollution, posing significant risks to public health and ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, Connecticut can no longer generate revenue from recyclables, as most are not being recycled and are instead hauled out of state at great expense to taxpayers and harm to the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, compostable materials present an opportunity for both substantial economic benefits and ecological improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, Stamford's recently passed ordinance seeks to reduce plastic waste, overall waste production, and increase the use of compostable materials, aligning with the state's environmental and economic interests; and

**WHEREAS**, transitioning away from non-recyclable plastics and toward reusable practices and compostable alternatives, as mandated in Stamford, has the potential to reduce waste, lower costs, and improve public health while mitigating long-term environmental damage; and

**WHEREAS**, Stamford's actions serve as a model for municipalities across the state, demonstrating a practical and effective approach to sustainability.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives asks that the Connecticut General Assembly adopt similar statewide measures to reduce plastic waste, promote compostable alternatives, and transition away from all non-recyclable plastics, supporting the state's environmental and economic goals.

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