

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Environmental Quality Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Anderson

On January 26th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Environmental Quality to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in an amount up to \$500,000 to prevent food waste at the household level.

This federal formula grant, with no match requirement, will allocate \$300,000 to \$500,000 in base grants with the potential for larger awards, as determined by the EPA. Funding will be used by the Department to implement the next phase of their consumer food waste prevention campaign which aims to reduce both the household costs and the greenhouse gas emissions associated with food waste. The next phase seeks to reach Spanish-speaking populations more effectively, engage local governments, and implement materials targeted at schools.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.