TALKING TRASH: SOLVING MASSACHUSETTS' SOLID WASTE PROBLEM

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WHY JUST ZERO?



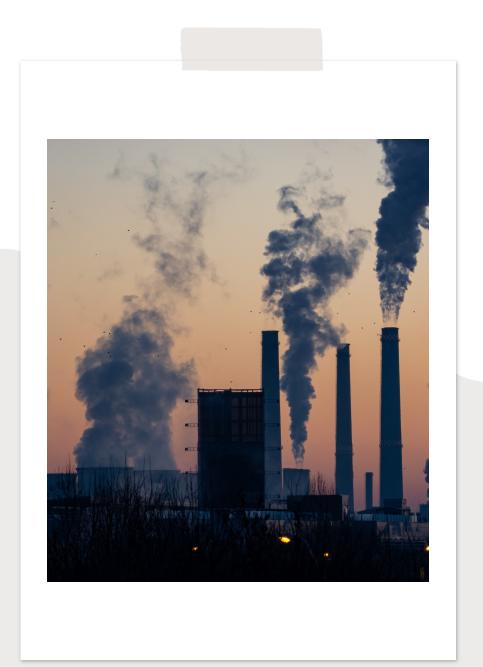
SOLUTION-BASED ORGANIZATION

- Soup-to-nuts, Zero Waste organization
- Support community centered, circular, sustainable solutions
- Do not accept money from bad actors



THE PROBLEM

- Dangerous solid waste facilities
- False solutions
- Lack of investment in real solutions





PROGRAM 1 - END BURNING NOW

- Mass burn
- Waste to Energy
- Pyrolysis/Gasification
- Chemical/Advanced/ Molecular Recycling



PROGRAM 2 - STOP BURYING TRASH

- Toxic air emissions
- Climate damaging air emissions
- Leachate escapes the landfill
- Leachate sent to waste water treatment plants



PROGRAM 3 - KEEP COMPOST CLEAN

- Separate food scraps and yard waste
- Food waste hierarchy
- Do not process clean food scraps with sewage sludge
- Limit or phase out use of depackagers





PROGRAM 4 - REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE RIGHT



RECYCLING RIGHT

- Remade or manufactured into same product or product with as much value
- Replaces use of virgin materials
- Not downcycled
- Not burned or used as landfill cover
- Post consumer



OUR HOME GROWN SOLID WASTE CRISIS







BOTTLE AND CAN RETURN SYSTEMS

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Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging



SWITCHING TO

REUSABLES

• Grocery Bags – NJ Example



REDUCTION

- Plastic Bans
- Pay As You Throw
- Waste Bans (w/standards)
- Tracking where it goes







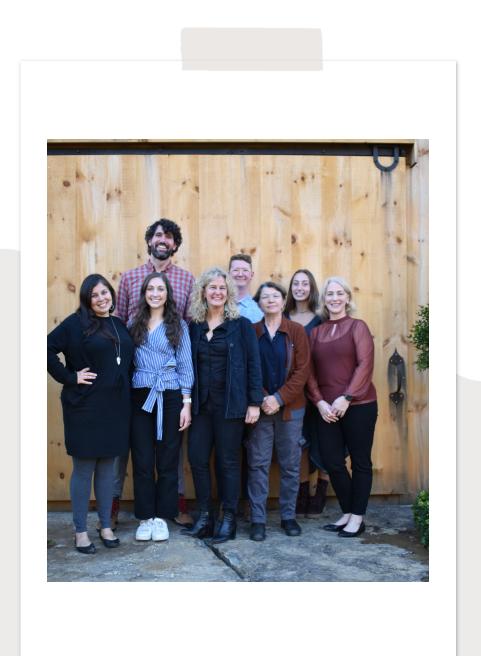
ACTION SUMMARY

- Are your legislators in the Zero Waste Caucus?
- Legislators signed on to ZW bills?
- Mayor, councilors, select board support ZW bills and support MassDEP taking action?
- Is your network connected to this work?



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