

Theresa Utton

Subject: FW: VSWDMA testimony for Appropriations Comm. Hearing on March 12

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Subject: RE: VSWDMA testimony for Appropriations Comm. Hearing on March 12

Hi, Theresa,

I understand. Sorry for the confusion. As a recent grantee, I was asked by Cindy Metcalf and Amy Schollenberger of Action Circles, Inc. to testify in support of continued funding of the Working Lands Enterprise Initiative, which I heard is in danger of major cuts or actual defunding this year. They told me that I was on the testimony list, so I sent them my testimony last night at 10:30 PM after my Board meeting. They told me this morning that I should send a copy of my testimony to you, which I did. I had to leave Middlebury this morning at 11 AM in order to get to the hearing by 1 PM, so I just missed your e-mail below. I do not work for the Working Lands Enterprise Initiative. I represent the Vermont Solid Waste District Managers' Association, who recently completed a grant project using WLEI grant funds. My topic was to tell the Committee how much we were able to accomplish with the \$55,000 matching grant that WLEI gave us for assisting local farms across the state with preparing for the composting of food waste that will be banned from the landfill as of July 1, 2020, per the new Universal Recycling Law (Act 148). However, we have much more to do, and we have received NO additional funds toward implementation of Act 148, with only five years left to prepare for this unprecedented statewide food ban.

I would appreciate your submitting the document I sent to you as written testimony to the Committee.

Thank you.

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