

## **Re: Support for AB 1812 — Protecting the Integrity of California’s Compost and Organic Fertilizer Systems**

The Organic Fertilizer Association of California, representing manufacturers of organic fertilizers sold in California under the standards and material requirements of the USDA National Organic Program, respectfully expresses strong support for **AB 1812**.

California’s composting and organics recycling infrastructure is foundational to both **SB 1383’s organic waste diversion goals** and the long-term success of sustainable agriculture. Our members depend on access to **clean, contaminant-free compost feedstocks** to manufacture high-quality organic fertilizer products that meet the expectations of growers, certified organic producers, and regulators. When bioplastics enter the compost stream—even those marketed as compostable—they create contamination risks, raise processing costs, and undermine confidence in compost-derived soil amendments.

AB 1812 provides the clear labeling standards needed to reduce consumer confusion and prevent incompatible bioplastic materials from entering compost systems that must align with National Organic Program requirements. This clarity protects compost quality, supports the economic viability of composters, lowers contamination removal costs borne by local governments and ratepayers, and ensures farmers continue to have access to reliable organic soil inputs.

For California agriculture, compost quality is not a marketing preference; it is a regulatory and agronomic necessity. AB 1812 strengthens the integrity of the compost stream and protects the manufacturers, composters, and farmers who rely on it. For these reasons, we urge your support of AB 1812.

Sincerely,

**Organic Fertilizer Association of California**