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RE: Climate Action Council Final Scoping Plan

Honorable Chair Krueger:

Having worked for decades in Brooklyn, New York as a climate and waste activist, last June I relocated to the village of Canton New York.

While in our community in Brooklyn, residents have had access to a number of staffed food scrap drop-off locations and several residential food scrap collection services, I found only one unstaffed drop-off location available in the entire community and no food scrap collection services in Canton. Further there is only one food scrap processing facility in the vicinity, quite distant from Canton.

I believe the CLCPA funds now available through the state could be put to good use in the area, which is an Environmental Justice community that suffers from high rates of unemployment and substance abuse.

I can not emphasize too much how food scrap diversion is important to decreasing our climate gas emissions. As the heaviest fraction of the waste stream, carting this material that is 70% water and about $\frac{1}{3}$ of our waste stream, to distant landfills burns tons of fossil fuels. Once in the landfill, food scraps breakdown into methane gas, a gas much worse than carbon dioxide for the climate.

Our organization would love to receive state funding to provide the following services to the community of Canton:

1. Purchase and service remote electronically controlled "smart bins" for food scrap drop-off Cost of 2 bins and twice weekly collection, per year \$35,000, for first year. \$10,000 for collection and maintenance thereafter.
2. Staff and service food scrap drop off sites at high traffic locations Cost of 10 hours of weekly staffed collection service at two locations, per year \$ 10,500
3. Weekly collection of food scraps for shut-ins, disabled, elderly and those living in assisted living facilities, per year \$15,000
4. Capital investment to create a food scrap processing facility \$50,000

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| Total first year cost | \$110,500 |
| Cost for year 2 | \$35,000 |
| Cost for year 3 | \$40,000 |
| Cost for year 4 | \$45,000 |
| Cost for year 5 | \$50,000 |
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| Total 5 year cost | \$285,000 |

Honorable Chair Krueger, we respectfully request that you include this funding request in your scope for the Climate Action Council plan.

Respectfully submitted

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