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California Food Waste Prevention Week

The United States – California included – wastes a significant amount of food across the supply chain, from farm to business to home. Food waste squanders precious resources, including energy and water, while contributing to climate change.

Food waste prevention has a role in supporting California's 75 Percent Initiative to significantly reduce solid waste in landfills by 2020. Unused food sitting in landfills releases methane, a greenhouse gas 80 times stronger than CO₂ at trapping heat over a 20-year period, which contributes to climate change.

I signed the nation's first Good Samaritan food donation law in 1977 to provide protections for food donors and help encourage food recovery. Considering that there are still hungry people in our state and communities, as well as the impacts of waste, our efforts to provide unused food to those in need continue to be of paramount importance.

Food waste prevention is good for all Californians. It can help alleviate hunger, conserve resources, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and foster innovative solutions that benefit the economy. This week, I urge all Californians to take simple food waste prevention actions that add up to make a positive difference.

Sincerely,


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