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## Recycling and Composting Accountability Act: U.S. Senators Boozman (Arkansas)/Capito (West Virginia)/Carper (Delaware) Introduce Legislation

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United States Senators Boozman (R-Arkansas), Capito (R-West Virginia), and Carper (D-Delaware) announced the development of legislation titled:

Recycling and Composting Accountability Act ("Act")

Senators Boozman and Capito serve as Co-Chairs of the United States Senate Recycling Caucus.

Senator Carper serves as the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

The objectives of the bill include:

- Improve the United States Environmental Protection Agency's ability to gather data on United States recycling systems
- Explore opportunities for implementing a national composting strategy

Senator Boozman, in commenting on the legislation, stated:

... We have the ability to improve our nation's recycling infrastructure and better leverage the economic and environmental benefits of recycling and composting ... one of the biggest obstacles facing recycling is the lack of reliable and consistent data ...

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee held a hearing to discuss domestic recycling and composting on February 2nd. The previously referenced co-sponsors heard testimony at the hearing from industry leaders as to their views on long-term solutions to recycling challenges in the United States.

A copy of the Act and Senator Boozman's news release can be found <u>here</u> and links to the hearing witnesses' written statements can be found below.

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