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Dear **TYPE NAME**,

As a resident, voter, and taxpayer in **TYPE IN TOWN**, I am writing to strongly urge the Township to join the innovative Re-Purpose New Jersey (RNJ) textile recycling program run by the award-winning charity, the Edison Wetlands Association, Inc. The RNJ initiative is currently serving over 250,000 Central New Jersey residents through their no cost clothing recycling program and can **save our community millions of dollars each year** by recycling clothing, shoes, and other textiles that would otherwise be dumped in open landfills or burned in incinerators. The Edison Wetlands Association’s 501©(3) federally recognized charity helps wealth-challenged families receive warm clothing and much-needed resources.

*RNJ is the only textile-recycling program in the state where 100% of program funds go towards charitable and educational programs.*This would cost **TYPE IN TOWN** nothing in labor or materials, and only requires the Township to provide a small area for the clothing donation bins in publicly accessible areas. RNJ phone lines are staffed 24 hours a day, which makes their program extremely user-friendly. RNJ also incentivizes textile recycling by providing tax-deductible receipts for any donation. Other benefits include annual recycling tonnage reports that the state uses as a basis for grants for each pound of clothing towns recycle. Currently RNJ has provided these services to the Townships of Edison and Woodbridge. **As an added bonus, RNJ provides free environmental education programs to all host communities that utilize the program.**

I join my friends and neighbors in supporting Re-Purpose New Jersey, because I can directly see where my tax-deductible donation goes, and the direct environmental projects this program benefits. The modest bins are clean, attractive, and the organization is responsive to every question and request for a receipt. ***Since there is no textile recycling program in TYPE IN TOWN, however, my own town misses out on the numerous benefits from my donation.***

In many communities in New Jersey, clothing recycling is mandated. Since my neighbors, friends and family already donate our textiles to RNJ, I urge **TYPE IN TOWN** to consider implementing the Re-Purpose New Jersey program, so that our community has the option to donate our used textiles and receives the many benefits of the RNJ Program. This would not only benefit the environment and provide tax-deductible receipts increasing our disposable income, but would also make **TYPE IN TOWN** a more green and sustainable community to raise our families.

Respectfully,

 **TYPE IN NAME**

 **TYPE IN ADDRESS/CONTACT INFO**