

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3101**

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Stephanie Levy: Eldorado/285 Recycles

Dear Stephanie,

I want to thank you for the warm letter you sent me, as well as the helpful recycling info sheet that I will share with my office staffers.

It is always so reassuring and exciting to see fellow New Mexicans being passionate about recycling and reducing how much we contribute to the waste stream. I have always cared for the environment, but sadly, waste production and plastic waste are often heavily overlooked in our national discussions about the environment.

As your Congresswoman, I will continue to advocate for the inclusion of Zero Waste initiatives in the Green New Deal and in future environmental initiatives. Zero Waste is an imperative aspect of environmental activism. By reducing our waste, we are tackling multiple environmental issues, most importantly the preservation of our waterways and keeping microplastics out of our oceans and wildlife.

This is something I am deeply passionate about, and I commend you and Eldorado/285 Recycles in your fight to keep New Mexico green and waste-free. We will need groups like yours to continue the push for Zero Waste solutions and to educate our community about the important role they can play in protecting the planet.

Again, thank you for the priceless work you do every day.

Sincerely,



DEB HAALAND  
Member of Congress