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Zero Waste Washington is the public's voice for zero waste. Your tax-deductible contribution directly supports our tenacious, effective advocacy both for big-picture change and on the ground in our community. **Thank you.**

Thank you!

Thank you, Zero Waste Washington members. You responded to our November fundraising letter with extraordinary generosity. **New members, welcome.** We're so glad to have you. Thanks to all of you, Zero Waste Washington is already having an action-packed year. And it's clear that you are as excited about our new strategic direction and community-based projects as we are.



There's another aspect of our programming that you get excited about: **big-picture change.** Zero Waste Washington's Suellen Mele has stayed the course since the start of state legislative session last month to champion good bills and oppose bad ones. **Foundations and grants can't support this work—but you do.** Read about our 2014 legislative priorities below.

Our legislative priorities



Remembering Scott

"Regular people make a difference every day; don't let anyone tell you different. It may not be in ways that make headlines or even show up as a human-interest story on the local news but every time people care enough to get involved they make an impact on each other's lives."

– Scott Taylor

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The 2014 legislative session is moving fast, and **Zero Waste Washington is weighing in on bills related to mercury-containing lights recycling, paint stewardship, composting, and incineration.** To learn more about the bills and our positions, **read on . . .**

[\(read more\)](#)

Collaborating for carpet recycling



Tech volunteer needed

Tech savvy? Zero Waste Washington could use your help! We're looking for a volunteer to support our IT needs. Contact [Eva Dale](#) for more information.

What happens to old carpet that is removed during renovations or remodels? Here in Washington, we've made important strides to increase carpet recycling. Yet many challenges remain, and most old carpet continues to be disposed of as garbage. **By one estimate, more than 100,000 tons of carpet were disposed in landfills or incinerators in 2012.** That's why Zero Waste Washington is partnering with Seattle Public Utilities and King County LinkUp to increase carpet recycling throughout Washington. [\(read more\)](#)



Introducing Ellison Fidler



"The policy work is so incredibly important, but it's not the glamorous, warm and fuzzy kind of work people generally associate with nonprofits. It's complicated, technical work and we often come up at odds with powerful special interest groups."



Read the rest of our conversation with Zero Waste Washington's newest board member [here](#).

SMCU partnership

Zero Waste Washington was chosen as a 2014 Seattle Metropolitan Credit Union Feel Good Checking Community Partner! We're proud to have been selected along with six other local nonprofit organizations. If you open a [Feel Good Checking](#) account, SMCU will donate \$20 to the Partner of your choice. Thank you, SMCU!

Environmental Priorities Coalition



Zero Waste Washington is proud to be a member of the Environmental Priorities Coalition, a network of over 20 leading environmental groups in Washington that influence policy at the state level. This year, the Coalition has two commonsense priorities: the Oil Transportation Safety Act and closing a tax loophole that benefits Big Oil. [\(read more\)](#)

[Click here](#) to receive alerts from the Environmental Priorities Coalition that let you know how you can help.



Let's connect

Be sure to ['Like'](#) our Facebook page, where we share action alerts and zero waste news along with fun infographics, great waste-saving tips and updates on the environmental issues that matter

most. It's easy to do and we promise not to flood you with Farmville requests!

Polystyrene food containers banned in New York City

When you buy coffee "to go" at a diner or coffee stand in New York City it almost always comes in a polystyrene cup and a paper bag. That morning beverage tradition will be ending soon. On December 30th the Mayor of New York City signed a bill banning the use of polystyrene (sometimes called Styrofoam) food containers and the sale of polystyrene packing peanuts. New York joins Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and numerous smaller California towns that have similar bans.

Zero Waste Washington believes that bans can be one way to begin shifting to products that are better for the environment. For more about this approach, check out "**Bans can be a quick path to design for the environment,**" written by one of our friends and allies, Matt Prindiville from Upstream.



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