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For HB 3487

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Please support this bill, giving a small tax incentive to restaurants to recycle their oyster shells. My husband and I are volunteers with Galveston Bay Foundation, who assists with the recycling of these shells to rebuild shell reefs in Galveston Bay so that oysters will grow there. Oysters are great filters for our bay water, filtering out impurities, and the reefs are helpful in maintaining a healthy bay ecosystem. Additionally, recycling oyster shells reduces the strain on landfills.

Laura Klein Plunkett
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I am opposed to this bill. I understand the rationale behind this bill and others like it, but each one that passes sets another precedent. My concern is that local communities rely on sales tax revenue to support critical city services and money to run city government has to come from somewhere else if not from sales taxes. I haven't seen conclusive evidence that, when enacted, the economic benefits of these programs outweigh the loss in revenue. A short-term or industry-targeted break plays favorites and is less effective than permanent, broad tax cuts that align with lean government and fiscal responsibility.

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Support recycling efforts that protect bay and reduce use in landfill. We are available to visit to strengthen bill and support through process.