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Greetings. I am writing to express my support of LD 2091 An Act Regarding Businesses' and Consumers' Use of Returnable, Reusable and Refillable Containers for Food, Beverages and Nonfood Items.

I live in New Harbor, ME and have been picking up trash along the roadsides for many years. Over time, the numbers of like-minded people are growing and I notice more people cleaning up trash. On one hand, this is a good thing, but the best solution is to reduce the amount of trash, not to have more cleaners.

I am deeply concerned about the amount of plastics infiltrating every part of our world, including Maine. The news that researchers from Rutgers and Columbia have detected astonishing amounts of microplastics in bottled water is incredibly disturbing.

Any attempt to reduce waste, especially plastic waste, is worth the effort. I fully support LD 2091 and urge you to do the same. Thank you.