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I very much support bill 2091. I think we know that collectively we all produce a vast amount of waste, and that it seems that the amount of waste we produce is constantly growing. The Maine Legislature has been trying to reach a 50% recycling rate for a very long time. This has not been successful and I think it is fair to say that recycling is not going to be the solution to our waste problem.

Reduce and Reuse should be at the top of our agenda. This bill does not require establishments to issue reuse food and drink containers, but it would allow them to, given important requirements to assure sanitation. This is not a radical bill. Restaurants wash and re-use silverware, dishes and glasses all the time. I believe this bill would be a really good start for reducing waste and prioritizing a re-use economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you for giving this bill consideration.