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LD 1423

Honorable members of the Committee,

I am writing to oppose the bill, LD 1423. This bill undermines Maine's first-in-the-nation Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law, which was passed in 2021 to make big corporations help cover the cost of recycling the packaging they produce.

This rollback bill, misleadingly titled "An Act to Improve Recycling", would

- 1) Exempt large corporations from paying their fair share, shifting the burden to Maine's taxpayers (both communities and small businesses),
- 2) Remove transparency and oversight, avoiding local control and giving the packaging industry control over how success is defined and measured, and
- 3) Further delay implementation and disrupt years of planning by towns and state agencies.

I'm writing to ask you to oppose LD 1423 and to protect Maine's citizens from unnecessary tax burdens.