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It was so empowering when Maine became the first state in the U.S. to pass legislation to make the companies creating the waste the ones responsible for dealing with it--I felt proud to be a Mainer on that day! It's been wonderful having packages arrive with less packaging to deal with, even at times no packaging at all, just a shirt or whatever in an otherwise empty box or bag (and why would a shirt need foam peanuts anyway?!?!?). I haven't had any damaged products, which shows me that the packaging industry CAN succeed with less waste. It's a win for me as a consumer, it's a win for the environment, it's a win for Maine's landfills.

The only thing that the misnamed "Act to Improve Recycling" bill, LD1423, would benefit is the companies that create and use the packaging. This makes me furious. I'm sick of large companies, making millions and billions in profits and yet trying to skirt their responsibility for the packaging THEY create. And to try and call this bill an "improvement"? Well, yes, for THEM. But NOT for the consumer, not for Maine, and not for the environment.

The packaging industry has lied to us for years about the recyclability of their packaging. They are lying to us again. I've had it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!