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LD 1423

Honored members of the Environmental and Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Colin Vettier, I live in Portland Maine and I would like to ask you to oppose for LD 1423 - An Act to Improve Recycling by Updating the Stewardship Program for Packaging.

Its title is misleading and is merely a disguise for a gift to the packaging industry:

- * Delay implementation and upend years of planning by towns and state agencies
- * Exempt large corporations from paying their fair share, shifting the burden to Maine's communities and small businesses
- * Strip away transparency and oversight, giving industry control over how success is defined and measured

This industry have had enough gift already. They have poisoned our waterways, fauna and flora, disfigured our landscapes, choked living creatures... all the while facing no accountability.

If we want our beautiful state of Maine to stay beautiful and not look like a giant dumpster, we need to be seriously fighting polluters. And when I walk around Portland these days, with piles of plastic bags, wrappers flying, plastic bottles gathering in the gutter, it definitely looks like were late in the fight.

Thank you for reading my testimony in opposition to LD 1423.

Kindly