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I think it would be a huge loss for our Maine environment if you delay the implementation of the Extended Producer Responsibility Law. Mainers have put years of work into this bill with hopes that the corporations who produce all this toxic plastic packaging will have to take responsibility for it. Very little plastic is being recycled ANYWHERE in the world. It is litter on our roadsides, floating in the ocean, all over our beaches and causing the deaths of millions of seabirds and sea mammals. Lastly it is poisoning our soil as it breaks down into microplastics and leaches chemicals into the ground

and it is poisoning humans as we are finding it in heart blockages, babies placentas and male testicles.

Corporations need to be held responsible and not put the burden on small businesses. We need to strengthen Maine recycling and have more oversight as to where all this plastic packaging really ends up. We also need these corporations to put more money into developing packaging that will break down easily and not stay in our environment for thousands of years. Please pass LD 1423.