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LD 1423

As a physician concerned about the health of my patients, my family and my community, I am writing to urge you to vote against LD 1423. Maine's new Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law goes some significant distance toward holding plastic polluters financially responsible for the cost of recycling the packaging they produce. Packaging waste, especially plastic, is a source of significant environmental toxins including endocrine disrupting chemicals that affect hormonal functioning in the body and other cancer causing products derived from petrochemicals. The law also puts financial pressure on packagers to consider alternative, less polluting methods of packaging that are less harmful to the health of Maine citizens. Again, I urge you strongly to vote Ought Not to Pass on LD 1423.