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LD 1423

I oppose LD1423 as it would greatly weaken the much needed EPR packaging rules before they even come into effect. As a lifelong Mainer who cares about the environment, I was super happy to see us pass the original bill to shift packaging waste costs to producers. Sadly, with how our society is set up, it is unfortunately necessary to encourage businesses to make environmentally positive changes through fiscal means. Passing LD 1423 would be an unfortunate kowtow to lobbyists and the various industries they aim to protect.

I am proud that ME was the first state to have EPR-related regulations, and several other states have since followed suit, it would be very sad to lose our nation-leading status on this important environmental issue. I hope that you will make the right decision and aim to stop the passing of LD 1423.