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LD 1423

I strongly oppose LD 1423, "An Act to Improve Recycling by Updating the Stewardship Program for Packaging."

While the intent of this bill may seem positive, it would ultimately undermine the groundbreaking Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) law passed in 2022.

Maine's EPR for packaging shifts the burden of packaging waste from taxpayers to the producers who profit from these products. Allowing loopholes and exemptions now, just before implementation, would weaken this law and diminish its potential to hold producers accountable for the waste they generate. We need this law to be fully enforced, without exceptions, to ensure that producers take responsibility for the environmental impact of their packaging.

Maine must continue to lead the way in climate policy, not roll back progress.