

May 9, 2025

Senator Denise Tepler, Senate Chair
Representative Lori Gramlich, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
c/o Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
13 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

RE: Support for L.D. 1928 (HP1289) — An Act to Prohibit Lodging Establishments from Providing Single-use Plastic Containers

Dear Senator Tepler, Representative Gramlich, and Honorable Committee Members,

On behalf of the National Stewardship Action Council (NSAC), we are writing in strong support of L.D. 1928, which would prohibit lodging establishments from providing single-use plastic containers. This thoughtful bill addresses one of the most visible and avoidable sources of plastic waste—small toiletry bottles—and represents a practical step toward reducing pollution and promoting reuse.

This shift is not only environmentally responsible, but also operationally feasible. Hotels and motels that have made the transition to refillable dispensers have found it to be simple and cost-effective. In fact, major hotel chains such as Marriott, Hyatt, and Hilton have already embraced these changes across their global operations.

Reducing plastic waste at the source is far more effective than trying to manage it downstream, and legislation like L.D. 1928 helps create a cleaner, more sustainable Maine for residents and visitors alike. We commend Representative Gramlich and the bill's cosponsors for their leadership, and we urge the Committee to vote in favor of this bill.

Sincerely,

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