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Glass Packaging Institute (GPI)
LD 2036

Dear Chair Tepler, Chair Doudera and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Glass Packaging Institute (GPI), I offer our support for the LD 2036, An Act to Clarify the Approval Process for and the Operation of the Commingling Program for the Management of Beverage Containers.

GPI is the North American trade association for the glass food and beverage manufacturing companies, glass recycling and other partners and suppliers to the industry. The glass container industry's relies on the high quality glass redeemed in beverage container deposit programs across Maine, which represents a core pillar of the recycled glass used to manufacture new bottles and jars.

This legislation would ease compliance requirements, and at the same time, uphold the critical environmental, volume and efficiency upgrades included in the 2023 law that strengthened the beverage container deposit program.

Thank you for your consideration of our support.

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