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**Testimony in Support of the amended bill, LD-1423, An Act to Improve Recycling
by Updating the Stewardship Program for Packaging.**

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Good afternoon Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera and members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee.


I am Scott Beal of Baileyville, I'm a recent retiree of Woodland Pulp LLC and now serve as a part time consultant for the company. I'm here today representing Woodland Pulp on this piece of legislation. As originally drafted, we had several concerns that we wanted to convey. Most of those concerns have been addressed in the recent amendment before you this afternoon. As such, and stated above, we now lend our support for LD-1423 in its amended form.

There are still some aspects that we remain concerned about, those being the assessment of a tax on the wire we used to secure our pulp bales that's sold in-state. Interestingly, there is no assessment on any pulp sold to customers out of state, which we're ok with. Nevertheless, it establishes an additional cost to the mill to support other resident Maine businesses.

We understand this tax is to be used, at least in part to support infrastructure and education of the program. We would encourage the committee to consider exempting companies such as Woodland Pulp that does not burden our host community of Baileyville with any of our mill related waste streams as we work to reduce, reuse and recycle whatever we can. And what residual solid waste that remains, we dispose of in our company's licensed special waste landfill.

Thank you for allowing me to speak on this legislation and I'd be happy to try to answer any questions from the committee.

Sincerely,



Scott Beal