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Senator Ingwersen, Representative Pluecker, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry,

I urge you to support the common sense bill, LD 2091 “An Act Regarding Businesses and Consumers Use of Returnable, Reusable, and Refillable Containers for Food, Beverages, and Nonfood Items.”

Many of us grew up in a time where refillable bottles for beer and soda were the norm. Today, our food safety guideline and sanitation processes are far more advanced than back in the 1960's. A far bigger threat to our health comes from the use of non-returnable and non-refillable containers for food and beverage including PFAS (forever chemicals), phthalates, and other carcinogens and toxins found in fiber and plastic containers - many of which are being addressed by new Maine laws.

Please encourage the passage of this common sense law and allow Maine's innovative entrepreneurs to create new options for reducing waste and toxicity to our bodies and the environment.