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Present health regulations are barring the discovery of alternatives to our present food packaging problems. Food safety is important but it seems that the present regulations have a narrow focus on what is and is not a safe way to package food.

Because of this, we now have food packaging requirements that appear to promote the following ills:

Plastic waste.

PFAS introduction into consumer diet and by extension the environment.

Barriers to alternative packaging that avoid the above.

Barriers to small businesses that wish to invest in finding alternatives.

The abundance of single use packaging we see on the side of the road.

Promotion of the mindset that it is ok to just throw stuff away.

I would like to see Maine take the lead in letting entrepreneurs and Maine's concerned consumers work together to find a free market solution to the present food packaging rut and glut.

Sincerely

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