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

My name is Katie Tims and I am a Portland, Maine resident. I would like to share my support for LD 2091 “An Act Regarding Businesses and Consumers Use of Returnable, Reusable, and Refillable Containers for Food, Beverages, and Nonfood Items”. This bill is of utmost importance to the reuse movement, reuse business development, consumer satisfaction, reduction of waste and plastic pollution, and our ability to use EPR for Packaging and the Bottle Bill as tools to encourage reuse. LD 2091 would also support the City of Portland in its efforts to achieve “zero waste” (90% waste diverted from waste stream) by 2050, a goal set in the City’s climate action plan One Climate Future.

Please support this bill as it will ultimately help Maine residents and Maine businesses save money and play a role in reducing unnecessary waste and unnecessary strain on our solid waste infrastructure by instead choosing reuse.