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I am FOR the proposed legislation. Environmental litter is, in my opinion, an ever increasing problem. I regularly walk along route 15 Stonington, Spring and Newton St in Bangor, ME 3 in Trenton and Seal Harbor, to cite some specific locales, as well as numerous other unspecified locations not regularly walked. Along those roadways one can, and will find empty beer cans, empty liquor bottles, gallon milk jugs, single use plastic serving containers, plastic grocery bags, and countless cigarette packs. Why there are so many empty alcoholic beverage containers on the road side is, quite frankly, alarming as there are quite stringent laws pertaining to open containers in a vehicle, and I don't believe there are a high enough number of pedestrians consuming such beverages to cast reasonable doubt against motorists violating such laws. Alas this grievance must be addressed at a later time but the litter from these containers is still relevant. Beyond the usual fare of litter are also remnants and, at times, intact Mylar balloons that have been released into the environment. All balloons SHOULD be added to the list of known litter as proposed. In addition I would like to see anti littering Public Service Ads, stronger enforcement, and higher penalties. All litter is disgusting and a blight on the natural beauty of our state. Enough is enough. It's time to crack down on litter and litter bugs. Thank you.