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I write in support of LD 1541, “An Act To Support and Improve Municipal Recycling Programs and Save Taxpayer Money”. I live in Ellsworth which has cut back on the types of material it accepts for recycling. For example, Ellsworth no longer accepts any plastic except some #1 and #2. Ellsworth accepts no boxboard, glass, or paper, except newspapers and magazines. When I shop, I try to buy things with a minimum of packaging, especially plastic, but that is often impossible. We need the people who do the packaging to cut back — stem it at the source. We need packaging that is reusable or recyclable. We need to send a clear message, with a financial penalty, to producers that the public will no longer accept being stuck with the cost of disposing of packaging. We all know that plastic pollution is a major environmental problem for everyone and especially marine animals. LD 2104 will help us all deal with harmful and wasteful packaging. Early in 2020, we presented a resolution to the Ellsworth City Council in support of the concept of this bill, and they approved it.

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Re: LD1541