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Testimony in Support of L.D 1541

Senator Brenner, Representative Tucker and Members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

I write this testimony in support of L.D.1541, “An Act to Support and Improve Municipal Recycling Programs and Save Taxpayers Money.” In an age of growing on-line shopping and following the worst pandemic ever, many communities throughout the country have been inundated with packaging materials left at curbsides and Transfer Stations.

On Long Island, our recycling includes cardboard waste. This is expensive as we pay for the trucking, barging and disposal of every ton of trash and recyclables that are processed. Two years ago our recycling disposal fees were free. Now, we pay \$125 a ton for disposal.

It is not uncommon during Amazon Prime Days or any of the holiday seasons, for the daily delivery of packages to the island to exceed one hundred or more cardboard shipping containers. All of this for an island with a year round population of only 230 people.

The Town supports these efforts to provide “Extended Producer Responsibility” on the shippers. Thank you in advance for your deliberations and service.

Sincerely,

Brian L. Dudley
Town Administrator