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I am writing to support LD 1541 to support and improve municipal recycling. As Deer Isle Town Manager I am responsible for managing our solid waste and recycling programs. Markets for recycling post consumer paper and plastic materials have failed entirely over the last year. As a consequence we collect paper, plastic, cardboard and other items and lacking alternatives recombine them with MSW bound for PERC. We have greatly appreciated programs, like the Fluorescent Light and rechargable battery recycling programs that provide a clear protocol and stable process for the town. Additional efforts like this will make our jobs easier and help us to reduce demands on land fills and incineration in favor of reuse and recycling. Perhaps more importantly, economic incentives will encourage producers to eliminate wasteful packaging. Reduction is a far better long-term solution than recycling, much less disposal. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about the situation in Deer Isle.