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Good morning Environmental & Natural Resources Committee,
I am writing this testimony against LD1541. Pemberton's Gourmet Foods is a specialty foods producer. We receive cardboard boxes from Volk Packaging, International Paper and our own glass and plastic companies who ship the product in those cardboard boxes. You are going to tax Volk Packaging for the boxes they supply me or International Paper and then you are going to tax Pemberton's Gourmet Foods again for those same boxes. I can't believe adults sitting around a committee really make laws that tax small business owners to support and improve Municipal Recycling Programs. Why can't municipalities support their own program. I don't waste or cardboard in their town. I sent my cardboard out to be recycled but yet you want to tax me for being a good small business on something I'm already doing. This committee honestly doesn't have enough to do. A bunch of liberal politicians who have nothing better to do than tax Maine small business owners. I'm completely against LD 1541 and I hope it doesn't pass for Maine's economy. Do something useful with your time and start creating real jobs like I do at my plant for people to have good paying jobs. Stop giving out handouts and get people back to work. Ridiculous we are even having a discussion on this bill to support recycling programs because people can't do it themselves so you tax us all. No wonder Maine has so much poverty because we give so much handouts and we tax small business owners to pay for everything like the bill you want to pass. Pemberton's Gourmet Foods is completely against your bill, Sam Mangino is completely against your bill. Move on Committee.....