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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of LD 1541 "An Act To Support and Improve Municipal Recycling Programs and Save Taxpayer Money."
As a mother of 3, a former Trenton Solid Waste Committee Member, and a current Selectboard Member in Trenton, I am in favor of this bill. LD 1541 will have a long-term positive impact on mitigating the economic burden of waste removal in Maine's municipalities. It will also support environmental and health outcomes for Maine citizens. LD 1541 is a strong step in promoting corporate responsibility in packaging for large corporations. It will encourage shifting corporate mindsets towards sustainable production. The bill is comprehensive, thorough, and written with consideration of fairness to Maine's small businesses (a mainstay of our economy) and may actually increase their ability to compete with large multinational corporations. Last year the Town of Trenton submitted a letter in support of the State's continued exploration of the concept of Expanded Producer Responsibility. I am pleased to see LD 1541 emerge for consideration by our legislature today, and happy to submit this written testimony in support of LD 1541.

Thank you, Rachel Nobel