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My name is Robin Snyder-Drummond and I live in Ellsworth. I am in full support of LD1541: An Act To Support and Improve Municipal Recycling Programs and Save Taxpayers Money for three main reasons.

1. This bill is thoroughly researched. It has considered the needs of the individual citizen, the businesses and the environment. Extended Manufacturers Responsibility has been in place for years in other places and is effective. Producers can respect that there are many benefits for all of us.

2. I've volunteered with the Solid waste/Recycling committees in every city where I've lived. It's obvious that without a more structured, enforceable approach, individuals don't do enough to limit their trash. We have to stop the problem at its source.

3. Recycling is really not a viable option, there's still too much trash in waterways, roadside, in the woods. Reducing waste is essential.

I watched a large bird struggling to fly with a plastic bag looped on its leg, another bird following alongside, maybe trying to help? This plastic trash had been created for a few moments convenience... but what are we doing to the beautiful state of Maine and its denizens?

It is past time for definitive action to curb waste. I hope Maine will be a leader in this action to protect our beautiful land and water and all who live here.

Respectfully submitted,
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