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Question or Comment

I just read your update about Packaging Material exemptions, and that producers may request them. I hope this will not lead to a weakening of the new rule that companies must help pay for recycling or disposing of the enormous amount of trash that they generate with their packaging?
It was bad enough when the American Chemical Society and their ilk delayed the implementation of Maine's plastic bag ban by claiming that reusable bags would spread COVID (as if grocery baggers weren't already handling everything shoppers had just picked off the shelves!).
Every time I walk down my street, I fill a bag with the plastic packaging of candy bars, beef jerky sticks, and other junk food, as well as plastic coffee cups, lids, and straws, which are either dropped on the sidewalk or blown out of recycling bins.
Sorry to rant, but it makes me angry that they can get away with this!