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DEP,

I am very much in support of the proposed Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging rules. Implementing EPR will reduce taxpayer costs, improve recycling, and reduce the waste entering our landfills. What's not to like?

I am so tired of companies foisting off their environmental responsibilities on to the public, and in this case the wasteful packaging produced by large companies that ends up as trash that we all have to pay to dispose of. EPR is a commonsense solution that provides financial incentives for producers to minimize waste and increase recyclability.

Maine is a leader in this, and has been successful with other EPR programs, like the bottle bill and programs for rechargeable batteries, mercury-containing products, electronics, paint, and pharmaceuticals. Applying this practical approach to packaging is a logical next step.

Please adopt the EPR for Packaging rules, and help continue Maine's leadership in making a cleaner, more sustainable Maine. Thank you for considering my comments and for considering this program.

Sincerely,  
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