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DEP,

I strongly support the proposed EPR for Packaging rules and commend the DEP for their comprehensive and flexible approach. This program is crucial for helping Maine municipalities manage recycling and reduce the burden of packaging waste. We must start this program immediately and work on continuous improvements.

To enhance the program's effectiveness, I suggest ensuring equitable reimbursements for managing non-readily recyclable materials. This will address varying capacities by town and support communities in meeting our recycling goals.

This is truly important as we are ruining our planet with trash that could be prevented. By charging companies for making too much packaging, they will change their ways and help preserve our planet.

EPR for Packaging is a logical next step in creating a cleaner, more sustainable Maine. I urge the Board to move forward with implementation of these rules without delay. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
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