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DEP,

I fully support the implementation of the EPR for Packaging rules. The Department's thoughtful approach provides a strong foundation for improving our state's recycling systems and reducing waste. Maine communities need this program. It has worked successful in many other places across the world to lessen the burden of managing packaging waste, which has been a persistent – and expensive – challenge.

One key area for improvement is ensuring fair reimbursements for handling non-readily recyclable materials. By addressing this, we can create a more equitable system that supports all municipalities and helps us achieve our recycling targets.

Let's move forward without delay and make a positive impact on Maine's environment.

Sincerely,
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