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DEP,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the EPR for Packaging rules. The DEP has developed a well-structured plan that will improve Maine's recycling efforts and reduce the wasteful packaging. We must get this program started to provide much-needed support to our municipalities. We know it'll work because it's been effective in many other places including Canada and the European Union – all while not increasing costs for consumers!

To ensure fairness, I recommend revisiting the reimbursements for non-readily recyclable materials and consider the varying capacities of different communities. This adjustment will help manage the costs more equitably and encourage more municipalities to participate in the program. Let's implement these rules now and continue refining them to achieve our 50% recycling goal.

Sincerely,
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