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DEP,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging rules. Maine's municipalities urgently need this program to cut costs and help manage recycling effectively. The Department of Environmental Protection has done a great job developing these rules.

As you finalize these rules, I urge you to ensure equitable reimbursements for Maine communities, particularly for non-readily recyclable materials. This consideration will enable towns to manage packaging materials they cannot control.

Let's get this proven solution started now so we can bring the benefits to Maine communities and work on improvements as needed to achieve our longstanding goal of 50% recycling.

Sincerely, Shirley Davis 64 Gardner Road Orono, ME 04473