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DEP,

I am writing to express my full support for the EPR for Packaging rules. The Department of Environmental Protection has crafted a solid framework that will improve Maine's recycling efforts and reduce waste. It is important that we implement this program now to provide the necessary support to our municipalities.

To create a more equitable system that supports all towns in managing packaging rates, I recommend ensuring fair reimbursements for non-readily recyclable materials and considering the capacities and situations of different communities. I urge the Board to adopt the EPR for Packaging rules, setting an example for other states and contributing to a cleaner, more sustainable Maine. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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