

## COMPARISON OF COSTS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF A SAMPLE\*\*\* OF EPR FOR PACKAGING LAWS

Jurisdiction	Years in Place	Net Cost of Program (2017)*	People Served	Number of Producers	2017 Annual Per Capita Cost (USD)	Percent Taxpayers Pay	Recovery Rate
Belgium	30	€ 144,300,000	11,000,000	5,000	\$14.61	0%	80%
France	27	€ 655,000,000	64,850,000	22,741	\$11.42	20%	70%
Italy	22	€ 524,000,000	55,000,000	8,500	\$10.61	0%	69.7%
Ontario	16	\$249,809,925 CAD	12,962,740	1,800	\$14.26	50%	61.3%
Quebec	15	\$151, 700, 000 CAD	8,316,000	3,400	\$13.05	0%	63.6%
Manitoba	9	\$26,508, 492 CAD	1,206,492	796	\$16.26	20%	70.6%
British Columbia	7	\$72, 513, 159 CAD	4,566,371	1,176	\$11.75	0%	74.5%
Saskatchewan	3	\$5,770,209 CAD	846,804	553	\$5.04	25%	72.8%
MAINE	N/A	\$16,000,000- \$17,500,000**	1,340,000	0	\$11.04-\$13.06*	100%	<36%**

\*Figures are annual costs reported by the Producer Responsibility Organizations in the various jurisdictions

\*\* Estimates from Maine DEP 2019 Annual Product Stewardship Report.

\*\*\*Countries with EPR for Packaging Laws include: Albania, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Republic of Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Vatican



# Natural Resources Council of Maine

3 Wade Street • Augusta, Maine 04330 • (207) 622-3101 • Fax: (207) 622-4343 • [www.nrcm.org](http://www.nrcm.org)

---

Dear Senator Brenner, Representative Tucker, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on the Environment and Natural Resources,

Below is a list of Maine cities and towns, representing more than 325,000 residents from across the state, that have passed resolutions in support of the adoption of an Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging law to save taxpayers money and improve the effectiveness of recycling as described in LD 1541: An Act To Support and Improve Municipal Recycling Programs and Save Taxpayer Money.

Maine's municipalities have been unfairly forced to shoulder the burden of the nation's recycling problems and it is time for big corporations to do their part.

Town	Population	Legislators
<b>Bangor*</b>	31,997	Rep. Cardone, Rep. Perry, Rep. Roeder, Rep. Supica, Sen. Baldacci
<b>Bar Harbor</b>	5,535	Rep. Lynne Williams, Sen. Luchini
<b>Bethel</b>	2,632	Rep. Head, Sen. Keim
<b>Blue Hill</b>	2,676	Rep. Peabworth, Sen. Luchini
<b>Brunswick</b>	20,481	Rep. Arford, Rep. Tucker, Rep. McCreight, Sen. Daughtry
<b>Camden</b>	4,825	Rep. Doudera, Sen. Miramant
<b>Cape Elizabeth</b>	9,313	Rep. Kessler, Rep. Millet, Sen. Carney
<b>Ellsworth</b>	8,048	Rep. Grohoski, Sen. Luchini
<b>Falmouth</b>	12,240	Rep. Crockett, Rep. Pierce, Sen. Breen
<b>Freeport</b>	8,510	Rep. Sachs, Sen. Daughtry
<b>Harpwell</b>	4,912	Rep. McCreight, Sen. Daughtry
<b>Kennebunkport</b>	3,639	Rep. Babbidge, Rep. Gere, Sen. Deschambault
<b>Kingfield</b>	970	Rep. Skolfield, Sen. Black
<b>Lewiston</b>	35,944	Rep. Brooks, Rep. Cloutier, Rep. Connor, Rep. Craven, Sen. Libby
<b>Limerick</b>	2,919	Rep. Blier, Rep. Sampson, Sen. Woodsome
<b>Lubec</b>	1,304	Rep. Tuell, Sen. Moore
<b>Manchester</b>	2,556	Rep. Warren, Sen. Hickman

Town	Population	Legislators
<b>North Yarmouth</b>	3,800	Rep. Sharpe, Sen. Daughtry
<b>Orono</b>	10,679	Rep. Osher, Rep. Perry, Sen. Dill
<b>Pittsfield</b>	4,022	Rep. Collamore, Sen. Farrin
<b>Poland</b>	5,612	Rep. Bradstreet Arata, Rep. Fay, Sen. Claxton
<b>Portland*</b>	66,417	Rep. Brennan, Rep. Collings, Rep. Crockett, Rep. Lookner, Rep. Sylvester, Rep. Talbot Ross, Rep. Wood, Rep. Zager, Sen. Ben Chipman, Sen. Sanborn
<b>Scarborough</b>	20,352	Rep. Bailey, Rep. Caiazzo, Rep. Warren, Sen. Brenner, Sen. Carney
<b>South Portland</b>	25,606	Rep. Kessler, Rep. Morales, Rep. Reckitt, Sen. Carney
<b>Topsham</b>	8,852	Rep. Tepler, Sen. Vitelli
<b>Tremont</b>	1,593	Rep. McDonald, Sen. Luchini
<b>Trenton</b>	1,525	Rep. Grohoski, Sen. Luchini
<b>Waterville</b>	16,646	Rep. Madigan, Rep White, Sen. Cyrway
<b>Whitefield</b>	2,286	Rep. Lemelin, Sen. Maxmin

*\*Bangor City Council Supports LD 1541 and is finalizing municipal resolution language on May 10, 2021 at their evening council meeting.*

*\*Portland City Council's Legislative Committee has directed City staffers to testify in support of LD 1541 in lieu of adopting a municipal resolution.*



## Resolution of the Bar Harbor Town Council

**Whereas,** Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and in some cases are eliminating, recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and

**Whereas,** product packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and

**Whereas,** Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimated \$16 million to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and

**Whereas,** producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and

**Whereas,** producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs;

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,**

**We, Maine's municipalities, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law. We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:**

**More effective:** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine;

**More sustainable:** An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced stop or restrict their programs; and

**More equitable:** Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed—and the packaging manufacturers that produce less-wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.

### The Municipal Officers of Bar Harbor

  
Jefferson Dobbs, Chair

  
Matthew A. Hochman, Vice-Chair

  
Gary Friedmann

  
Valerie Peacock

  
Jill Goldthwait

  
Erin E. Cough

  
Joseph Minutolo

## **Resolution to support Municipal Recycling Programs**

**Whereas**, Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and in some cases are eliminating, recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and

**Whereas**, product packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and

**Whereas**, Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimated \$16 million to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and

**Whereas**, producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and

**Whereas**, producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs;

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,**


**We, The Select Board of the Town of Bethel, Maine, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:**

**More effective:** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine;

**More sustainable:** An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced stop or restrict their programs; and

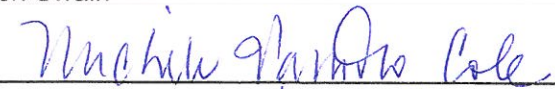
**More equitable:** Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed—and the packaging manufacturers that produce less- wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.

01/06/2020

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Peter Southam

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Lloyd Sweetser

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Lori Swain

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Michele Varuolo-Cole

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew Whitney



# Town of Blue Hill, Maine

**SELECTMEN/ASSESSORS**

JAMES DOW  
VAUGHN LEACH  
ELLEN BEST

FIRST SETTLED 1762

INCORPORATED JAN. 30, 1789

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

SHAWNA AMBROSE

**CEO/ PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

JUDY JENKINS

**ROAD COMMISSIONER**

WILLIAM COUSINS

**TREASURER**

REBECCA J. WILBER

**TAX COLLECTOR/ TOWN CLERK**

ETTA PERKINS

**CLERK/911 OFFICER**

LYNDSEY DOW

**FIRE CHIEF**

MATTHEW DENNISON

18 Union Street  
Blue Hill, Maine 04614  
TELEPHONE 207-374-2281 FAX 207-374-9935

**We, Maine's municipalities, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:**

**More effective:** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine;

**More sustainable:** An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced stop or restrict their programs; and

**More equitable:** Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed—and the packaging manufacturers that produce less-wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.

Sincerely,



Vaughn Leach, Select Board Chair



Ellen Best



James Dow

# Town of Brunswick, Maine



## TOWN COUNCIL

### Resolution Supporting Recycling Reform for Maine

**Whereas,** Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and in some cases are eliminating, recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and

**Whereas,** product packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and

**Whereas,** Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimated \$16 million to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and

**Whereas,** producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and

**Whereas,** producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs;

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,** that the Town Council of Brunswick, Maine, supports an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431).

We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:

- More effective: Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine;
- More sustainable: An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not



resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced stop or restrict their programs; and

- More equitable: Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed—and the packaging manufacturers that produce less- wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.

*Voted by the Town Council of Brunswick, Maine this 21st day of October, 2019*

/s/ John M. Perreault

---

*John M. Perreault, Chair – Town Council*



# RECYCLING REFORM FOR MAINE

More Effective • More Sustainable • More Equitable

**Whereas,** Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and in some cases are eliminating, recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and

**Whereas,** product packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and

**Whereas,** Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimated \$16 million to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and

**Whereas,** producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and

**Whereas,** producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs;

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,**

**We, Maine's municipalities, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:**


**More effective:** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine;

**More sustainable:** An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced stop or restrict their programs; and

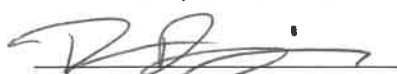
**More equitable:** Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed—and the packaging manufacturers that produce less-wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.


**Camden Select Board**

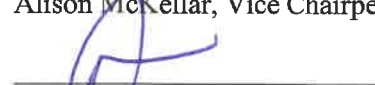
**12/17/2019**

  
Robert Falciani, Chairperson

  
Marc Ratner, Board Member

  
Taylor Benzie, Board Member

  
Alison McKellar, Vice Chairperson

  
Jenna Lookner, Board Member



**Town of Cape Elizabeth  
Town Clerk's Office  
P.O. Box 6260  
Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107  
(207) 799-7665**

I, Debra M. Lane, Town Clerk of the Town of Cape Elizabeth, Maine do hereby certify that at a duly called meeting of the Cape Elizabeth Town Council on March 8, 2021 at which all of the members of the Town Council were present and voting throughout, the following item was passed unanimously.

**Item #56-2021      Consideration of Endorsement of the Extended Producer Responsibility Resolution**

Moved by Valerie J. Deveraux and Seconded by Gretchen R. Noonan

ORDERED, the Cape Elizabeth Town Council endorses the Extended Producer Responsibility Resolution as prepared by the Natural Resources Council of Maine as presented.

(7 yes) (0 no)

**Whereas**, Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and in some cases Are eliminating, recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and

**Whereas**, product packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, Constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and

**Whereas**, Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimated \$16 million to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and

**Whereas**, producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and

**Whereas**, producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the Management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs;

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,**

**We, Maine's municipalities, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:**

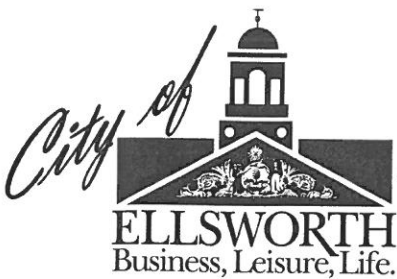
**More effective:** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine;

**More sustainable:** An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine Municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced stop or restrict their programs; and

**More equitable:** Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed—and the packaging manufacturers that produce less-wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.

*Debra M. Lane, Town Clerk  
Certified this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2021 at Cape Elizabeth, Maine*





## City Council

1 City Hall Plaza ▪ Ellsworth, ME 04605-1942  
Phone (207) 667-2563 ▪ Fax (207) 669-6618  
www.ellsworthmaine.gov

### City of Ellsworth - Recycling Reform Proclamation

**Whereas**, Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and in some cases are eliminating, recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and

**Whereas**, product packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and

**Whereas**, Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimated \$16 million to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and

**Whereas**, producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and

**Whereas**, producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs.

#### Now, Therefore Be It Resolved:

**The City of Ellsworth, a municipality of Maine, does hereby support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:**

**More effective:** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine;

**More sustainable:** An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced to stop or restrict their programs; and

**More equitable:** Maine's cities, towns and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they did not create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed – and the packaging manufacturers that produce less-wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.

Dale Hamilton, City Council Chair/Mayor

Date:





**TOWN OF FALMOUTH RESOLUTION**  
***For the Town of Falmouth to Support LD 2104, an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging Law***

- WHEREAS,** packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs. However, producers are not designing packaging that can be profitably recycled; and
- WHEREAS,** global recycling markets have experienced recent changes resulting in local challenges to process recyclable materials in feasible ways and exposure of flaws in how recycling has been managed. Taxpayers currently pay 100% of the cost and an estimated \$17 million each year to manage these materials through increasingly expensive disposable and recycling options and municipalities are also responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and
- WHEREAS,** the Maine Legislature passed LD 1431, a Resolve to Support Municipal Recycling Programs, in 2019, which aims to develop legislation to establish an extended producer responsibility law for packaging in the State; and,
- WHEREAS,** stakeholders are working together using the framework of LD 1431, to implement An Act to Support and Increase the Recycling of Packaging, LD 2104, which recognizes that there are more effective, more sustainable and more equitable ways of incentivizing producers to make packaged material that is easily recyclable; and
- WHEREAS,** producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packing through extended producer reforms in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada; and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs; and
- WHEREAS,** through an extended producer responsibility law, producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs, and
- WHEREAS,** implementation of a statewide Extended Producer Responsibility Program for packaging wastes would ensure that municipalities will be protected from unbalanced costs when global recycling markets are unfavorable, and taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling and the packaging manufacturers will be provided a more equitable way to distribute costs.

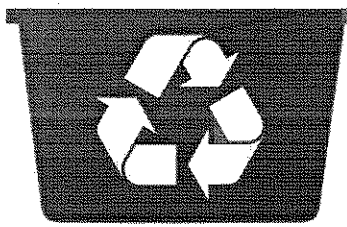
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FALMOUTH, ASSEMBLED THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2020, THAT:**

The Falmouth Town Council does hereby agree to the following:

## Resolution No 97-2020

1. The Town of Falmouth supports LD 2104, an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for packaging law as endorsed by the Maine Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431).

Attest: Linda M Case Date: 3/11/2020  
Linda Case, Deputy Town Clerk



# RECYCLING REFORM FOR MAINE

More Effective • More Sustainable • More Equitable

**Whereas,** Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and in some cases are eliminating, recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and

**Whereas,** product packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and

**Whereas,** Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimated \$16 million to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and

**Whereas,** producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and

**Whereas,** producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs;

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,**

**We, Maine's municipalities, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:**

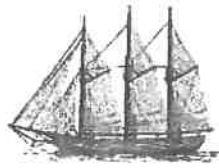
**More effective:** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine;

**More sustainable:** An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced stop or restrict their programs; and

**More equitable:** Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed—and the packaging manufacturers that produce less-wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John' followed by a flourish.

*Harpwell Board of Selectmen December 19, 2019*



# TOWN OF KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE

~ INCORPORATED 1653 ~

## MAINE'S FINEST RESORT

**Whereas**, Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and in some cases are eliminating, recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and

**Whereas**, product packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and

**Whereas**, Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimated \$16 million to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and

**Whereas**, producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and

**Whereas**, producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs;

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,**

**We, the Town of Kennebunkport, Maine, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:**

**More effective:** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine;

**More sustainable:** An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity

Adoption of a resolution in support of developing an "Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging" law

prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced stop or restrict their programs; and


**More equitable:** Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed—and the packaging manufacturers that produce less wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.

**Resolved:**

Selectmen:



Selectmen:



Selectmen:



Selectmen:

\_\_\_\_\_

Selectmen:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date Resolved:

9-26-2019

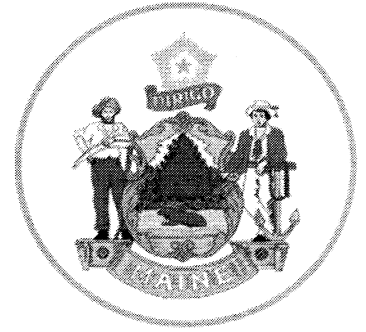


# *Town of Kingfield*

*38 School Street*

*Kingfield, ME 04947*

*(207) 265-4637 (207) 265-4626 Fax*



**Whereas**, Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and in some cases are eliminating, recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and

**Whereas**, product packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and

**Whereas**, Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimated \$16 million to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and

**Whereas**, producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and

**Whereas**, producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs;

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,**

**We, Maine's municipalities, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:**

**More effective:** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine;



**More sustainable:** An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced stop or restrict their programs; and

**More equitable:** Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed—and the packaging manufacturers that produce less wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.

Given under our hands the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2019



Wade Browne

John Dill



Morgan Dunham

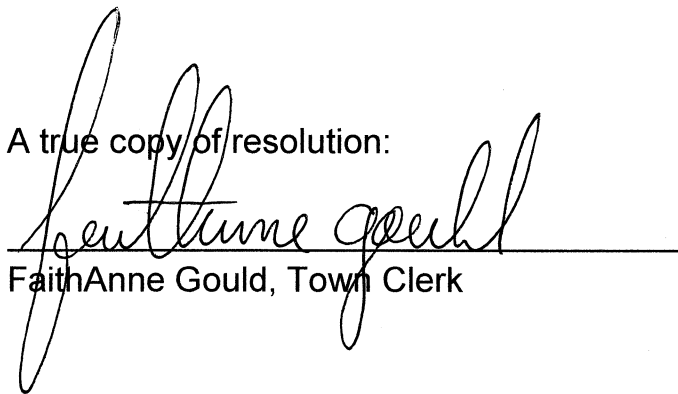


Walter Kilbreth

Raymond Meldrum

Board of Selectmen, Town of Kingfield

A true copy of resolution:



FaithAnne Gould, Town Clerk



## CITY OF LEWISTON, MAINE

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

### COUNCIL RESOLVE

Resolve, Calling Upon the Maine Legislature to Support an Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging Law.

**Whereas,** Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and, in some cases, are eliminating recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and

**Whereas,** product packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and

**Whereas,** Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimate \$16 million to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and

**Whereas,** producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling, and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and the municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and

**Whereas,** producers of product packaging have taken some or all of the responsibility for managing post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,**

**The City Council of the City of Lewiston supports an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of LD 1431, A Resolve To Support Municipal Recycling Programs. We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:**

**More effective.** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine; and

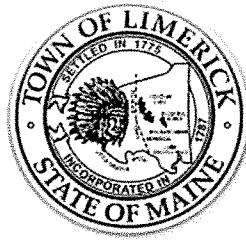
**More sustainable.** An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced to stop or restrict their programs; and

**More equitable:** Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed -- and the packaging manufacturers that produce less-wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.

**Be It Further Resolved,** that

The City Clerk shall provide copies of this Resolve to the Members of the Legislature's Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and the Lewiston Legislative Delegation.

Roland C. LePage  
Joanne L. Andrews  
Gilbert S. Harris  
Wendy M. Thorne  
Dottie Richard  
[BOS@LimerickME.org](mailto:BOS@LimerickME.org)



Board of Selectmen  
Phone: 207-793-2166 #6  
Fax: 207-793-8510

---

**Town Of Limerick**  
55 Washington Street  
Limerick, ME. 04048

---

**Whereas**, Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and in some cases are eliminating, recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and

**Whereas**, product packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and

**Whereas**, Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimated \$16 million to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and

**Whereas**, producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and

**Whereas**, producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs; Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

**We, Town of Limerick Municipality, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:**

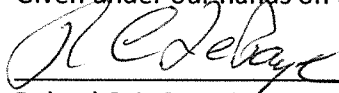
**More effective:** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine;

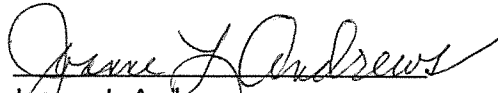
**More sustainable:** An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced stop or restrict their programs; and

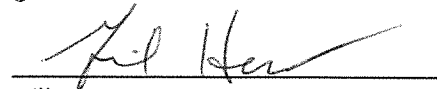
**More equitable:** Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed—and the packaging manufacturers that produce less-wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.

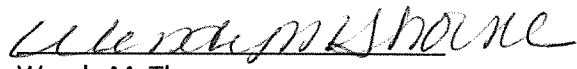
*RLR*

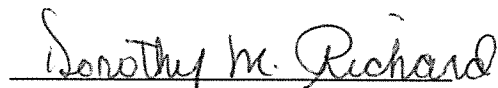
Given under our hands on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019

  
Roland C. LePage Jr.

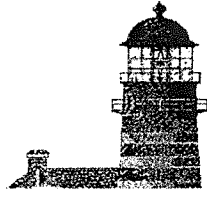
  
Joanne L. Andrews

  
Gilbert S. Harris

  
Wendy M. Thorne

  
Dorothy M. Richard

Board of Selectmen, Town of Limerick



## **Town of Lubec**

40 School Street  
Lubec, ME 04652  
(207) 733-2341

### **Resolution for the Town of Lubec**

**Whereas**, Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and in some cases are eliminating, recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and

**Whereas**, **product** packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and

**Whereas**, Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimated \$16 million to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and

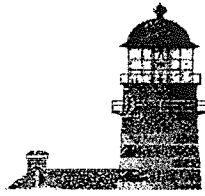
**Whereas**, producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and

**Whereas**, producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs;

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,**

**We, the select board of the Town of Lubec, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:**





## Town of Lubec

40 School Street  
Lubec, ME 04652  
(207) 733-2341

**More effective:** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine;

**More sustainable:** An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced stop or restrict their programs; and

**More equitable:** Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed—and the packaging manufacturers that produce less-wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.

This Resolve is signed and supported by the Lubec Board of Selectmen

Carol Dennison – Chairman

Daniel Wagner -Vice Chairman

Rachel Rubeor- Selectman

Jason Evasius- Selectman

Sonja Bailey- Selectman

**Resolution of the Select Board of the Town of Manchester, Maine  
Regarding Recycling Reform for Maine**

**Whereas,** Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and in some cases are eliminating, recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and

**Whereas,** product packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and

**Whereas,** Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimated \$16 million to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragments and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and

**Whereas,** producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the package materials; and

**Whereas,** producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs;

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,**

**We, Maine's municipalities, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:**

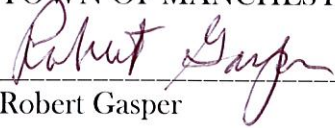
**More effective:** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine;

**More sustainable:** An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced to stop or restrict their programs; and

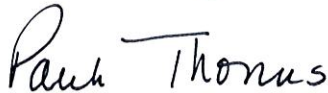
**More equitable:** Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed - and the packaging manufacturers that produce less-wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.

SELECT BOARD

TOWN OF MANCHESTER, MAINE



Robert Gasper

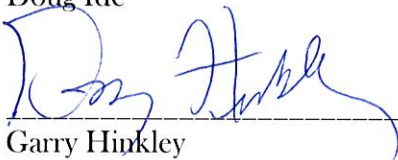


Paula Thomas

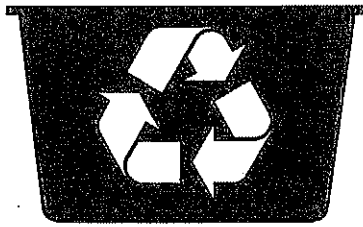


Dawn Kliphan

Doug Ide



Garry Hinkley



# RECYCLING REFORM FOR MAINE

More Effective • More Sustainable • More Equitable

**Whereas,** Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and in some cases are eliminating, recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and

**Whereas,** product packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and

**Whereas,** Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimated \$16 million to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and

**Whereas,** producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and

**Whereas,** producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs;

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,**

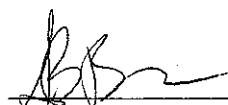
**We, Maine's municipalities, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:**

**More effective:** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine;

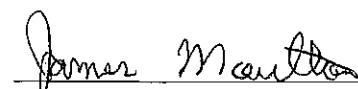
**More sustainable:** An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced stop or restrict their programs; and

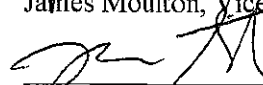
**More equitable:** Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed—and the packaging manufacturers that produce less-wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.

Town of North Yarmouth  
Select Board

  
Steve Berry, Chairman

  
Austin Harrell, Member

  
James Moulton, Vice Chairman

  
Brian Sites, Member

Date: February 16, 2021



## Town of Orono

**Whereas,** Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and in some cases are eliminating, recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and

**Whereas,** product packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and

**Whereas,** Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimated \$16 million to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and

**Whereas,** producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and

**Whereas,** producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs;

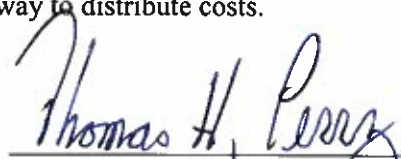
**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, by the Orono Town Council, that the Council hereby supports an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:**

**More effective:** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine;

**More sustainable:** An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced stop or restrict their programs; and

**More equitable:** Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed—and the packaging manufacturers that produce less- wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.

Signed and Sealed this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2021.

  
Thomas Perry, Council Chairman

**Town of Pittsfield**  
**112 Somerset Avenue**  
**Pittsfield, Maine 04967-1432**  
**PH: 1-207-487-3136 Fax: 1-207-487-3138**  
[townmanager@pittsfield.org](mailto:townmanager@pittsfield.org)

May 05, 2021

Legislature's Joint Standing Committee  
on Environment and Natural Resources

At their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 04, 2021, the Pittsfield Town Council voted in the spirit of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) to support the concept of the EPR Packaging Law. The Town of Pittsfield encourages the Legislature to continue to work with the many stakeholders involved to develop and enhance LD 1541 "An Act to Support and Improve Municipal Recycling Programs and Save Taxpayer Money."

We understand that it is not an easy process to bring everyone together and commend you for your efforts to support and improve municipal recycling. We are very proud of our comprehensive recycling program and our ability to assist our neighbors through our regional recycling efforts.

Respectfully yours,

*Kathryn Ruth*

Kathryn Ruth  
Town Manager





# Town of Poland

1231 Maine Street  
Poland, ME 04274  
(207) 998-4601



**Whereas,** Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and in some cases are eliminating, recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and

**Whereas,** product packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and

**Whereas,** Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimated \$16 million to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and

**Whereas,** producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and

**Whereas,** producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs;

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,**

**We, Maine's municipalities, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:**

**More effective:** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine;

**More sustainable:** An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced stop or restrict their programs; and


**More equitable:** Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed—and the packaging manufacturers that produce less-wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.


Signed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019

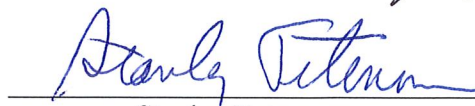
Board of Selectpersons

  
Mary-Beth Taylor, Chairperson

  
Surette Moulton, Vice-Chairperson

  
Joseph Cimino

  
Stephen Robinson

  
Stanley Tetenman





## *Town of Scarborough, Maine*

259 US ROUTE ONE, PO BOX 360  
SCARBOROUGH, MAINE • 04070-0360

### **RESOLUTION 19-001 TO SUPPORT MUNICIPAL RECYCLING PROGRAMS [LD1431]**

**WHEREAS**, Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and in some cases are eliminating, recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and,

**WHEREAS** product packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and,

**WHEREAS** Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimated \$16 million to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and,

**WHEREAS** producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and,

**WHEREAS** producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs.

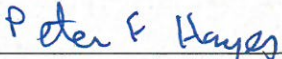
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, We, the Town of Scarborough, Maine, supports an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:

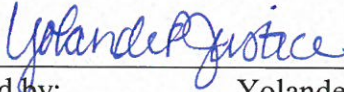
**More effective:** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine; and,

**More sustainable:** An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced stop or restrict their programs; and,

**More equitable:** Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed and the packaging manufacturers that produce less wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.

Signed and dated this 6th day of November, 2019, on behalf of the Scarborough Town Council and the Town Manager of Scarborough, Maine.

  
Signed by: Peter F. Hayes  
Council Chair

  
Attested by: Yolande P. Justice  
Town Clerk



## CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND

KATHERINE W. LEWIS  
Mayor

SCOTT T. MORELLI  
City Manager

EMILY F. SCULLY  
City Clerk

SALLY J. DAGGETT  
Jensen Baird Gardner & Henry

District One  
CLAUDE V.Z. MORGAN

District Two  
KATHERINE W. LEWIS

District Three  
MISHA C. PRIDE

District Four  
APRIL L. CARICCHIO

District Five  
DEQA DHALAC

At Large  
KATELYN S. BRUZGO

At Large  
SUSAN J. HENDERSON

### IN CITY COUNCIL RESOLVE #9-19/20

**WHEREAS**, Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and in some cases are eliminating, recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and

**WHEREAS**, product packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimated \$16 to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and

**WHEREAS**, producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and

**WHEREAS**, producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces, and as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs; and

**WHEREAS**, changes in the global recycling markets affected the local waste stream and directly impacted South Portland through more stringent restrictions on clean recycling loads and subsequent contamination fees; and

**WHEREAS**, South Portland has demonstrated leadership in waste reduction programs, policies, and practices through the Polystyrene Ban and Plastic Bag Fee, the state's first citywide food waste recycling program, and a cross-jurisdictional recycling internship program; and

**WHEREAS**, South Portland remains committed to providing waste reduction and recycling services combined with robust, citywide outreach and education campaigns to foster a better understanding in the community of how to recycle properly; and

**WHEREAS**, South Portland has a goal to increase the City's recycling rate to 40% by 2020 through purposeful purchasing, reuse, recycling, and composting and will outline actions to minimize waste by changing how our community consumes and disposes goods and materials in the *One Climate Future* plan;

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, We, the City of South Portland, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:**

**More effective:** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine;

**More sustainable:** An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced to stop or restrict their programs; and

**More equitable:** Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed- and the packaging manufacturers that produce less-wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.



# TOWN OF TOPSHAM, MAINE



Derek Scrapchansky  
*Town Manager*

Office of the Town Manager  
100 Main Street  
Topsham, Maine 04086  
Telephone: (207) 725-5821  
FAX: (207) 725-1731  
Website: [www.topshammaine.com](http://www.topshammaine.com)

Mark M. Waltz  
*Assistant Town Manager*

Rose Woodd  
*Administrative Assistant*

March 5, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

On February 18, 2021, the Topsham Board of Selectmen discussed and deliberated a request to adopt a resolution to support recycling reform for Maine. The Board had an extended discussion and voted unanimously **"In the spirit of EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) the Town of Topsham supports the concept of the EPR Packaging Law and we encourage the Legislature to continue working to develop a policy"**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek Scrapchansky", is written over a horizontal line.

Derek Scrapchansky  
Town Manager

Cc: Board of Selectmen

## **Resolution**

### **Of the Tremont Board of Selectmen**

**Whereas**, Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and in some cases are eliminating, recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and

**Whereas**, product packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and

**Whereas**, Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimated \$16 million to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and

**Whereas**, producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and

**Whereas**, producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs;

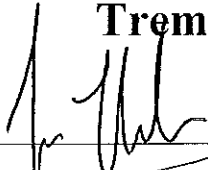

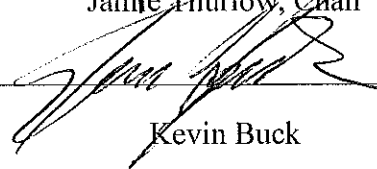
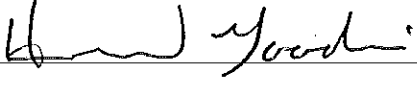
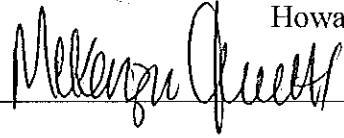
**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, We, Maine's municipalities, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:**

**More effective:** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine;

**More sustainable:** An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced stop or restrict their programs; and

**More equitable:** Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed—and the packaging manufacturers that produce less wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.

**Tremont Board of Selectmen**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jamie Thurlow, Chair  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Mansolilli, Vice-Chair  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin Buck  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Howard Goodwin  
\_\_\_\_\_  
McKenzie Jewett



## TOWN OF TRENTON

February 12, 2020

**Sarah K. Nichols**

Sustainable Maine Director

3 Wade Street, Augusta, Maine 04330

Whereas the Town of Trenton Maine recognizes the need for responsible management of our municipal solid waste, and the town recognizes the relationship of solid waste production to consumer activity and producer packaging choice, as well as the effect of Solid Waste Management on long and short-term fiscal, environmental, and health outcomes for the citizens of Trenton and other Maine municipalities, the Select Board has voted in support of the State's continuing exploration of the concept of Expanded Producer Responsibility.

Very truly yours,

R. Frederick Ehrlenbach  
Chair, Board of Selectmen





Office of the  
City Manager

March 19, 2021

To Whom it May Concern:

On March 16, 2021, the City of Waterville City Council discussed and deliberated a request to adopt a resolution to support recycling reform for Maine. The Council had an extended discussion and voted in support of the following: **"In the spirit of EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) the City of Waterville supports the concept of the EPR Packaging Law, and we encourage the Legislature to continue working to develop a policy"**.

Sincerely,

Stephen Daly  
City Manager

cc: City Council



1 Common Street, Waterville, ME 04901-6699  
Phone: (207) 680-4204 | Fax: (207) 680-4207  
[mroy@waterville-me.gov](mailto:mroy@waterville-me.gov) | [www.waterville-me.gov](http://www.waterville-me.gov)



CITY OF WATERVILLE

CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 41-2021

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR:

SUPPORT FOR AN EXTENDED PRODUCER  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING (EPR) LAW

~~Whereas, Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and in some cases are eliminating, recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult to manage materials; and~~

~~Whereas, product packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and~~

~~Whereas, Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimated \$16 million to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and~~

~~Whereas, producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and~~

~~Whereas, producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs;~~

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Waterville City Council, acting as the Municipal Officers, as follows:

~~We hereby support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:~~

- ~~• **More effective:** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine;~~
- ~~• **More sustainable:** An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced stop or restrict their programs; and~~
- ~~• **More equitable:** Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed—and the packaging manufacturers that produce less wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.~~

THAT, In the spirit of EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility), the City of Waterville supports the concept of the EPR Packaging Law and we encourage the Legislature to continue working to develop a policy.

IN THE CITY COUNCIL

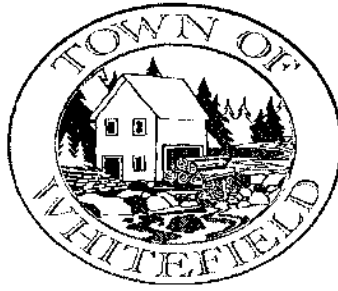
February 16\_\_\_\_\_, 2021 Read and Postponed to 3/16/21.

March 16\_\_\_\_\_, 2021 Read and Approved, As Amended.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR



**RESOLUTION 19-001  
TO SUPPORT MUNICIPAL RECYCLING PROGRAMS (LD1431)**

**WHEREAS**, Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and in some cases are eliminating recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and,

**WHEREAS** product packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and,

**WHEREAS** Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimated \$16 million to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and,

**WHEREAS** producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and,

**WHEREAS** producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, We, the Town of Whitefield, Maine, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:

**More effective:** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine; and,

**More sustainable:** An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced to stop or restrict their programs; and,

**More equitable:** Maine's cities, towns and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed and the packaging manufacturers that produce less wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.

Signed and dated 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019 by the Select Board of Whitefield, Maine.

  
Lester Sheaffer, Chair


  
William McKeen, Vice Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Charlene Donahue

  
Lise Hanners

  
Keith Sanborn

**TRUE AND ATTESTED**

  
**TOWN CLERK**



# RECYCLING REFORM FOR MAINE

More Effective • More Sustainable • More Equitable

## **Letter of Support from Businesses for an Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging Law as described in LD 1541**

Maine's economy depends on a clean and healthy environment. Every year, our reputation as an eco-friendly state with spectacular outdoor spaces draws thousands of families of tourists. Visitors pump millions of dollars into our local businesses and generate significant tax income. Increasingly, customers are demanding products that are not over-packaged, and Mainers demand effective recycling programs.

Maine's local businesses, residents, and tourists all want to do the right thing to protect Maine's environment, but unfortunately the serious problems facing our waste and recycling systems are making that more challenging than it should be.

Maine's taxpayer-funded municipal recycling programs have been struggling to survive since 2017. Today, recycling costs Maine taxpayers an average of 67% more per ton than trash disposal. As a result, cutbacks and closures to municipal recycling programs have occurred throughout Maine as property taxpayers are being asked to pay more.

There is no indication that things will get better unless the Maine Legislature acts to reform recycling. Maine needs to adopt a proven solution known as Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging (EPR) that is already used in 47 countries and provinces around the world. Because EPR has been so successful in those places, many states are now working to bring the policy to the U.S.

**As local businesses who care about environmental stewardship and the future of Maine, we are joining Maine's municipalities in urging the Maine Legislature to adopt an Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging law, as described by LD 1541, as soon as possible.**

EPR works because it rewards businesses that have prioritized waste reduction and levels the playing field by holding big corporations accountable for the packaging waste they send to Maine. It also creates a more sustainable funding mechanism for local recycling that will reduce the burden on Maine taxpayers.

EPR is a more fair, effective, and sustainable solution for improving recycling that will help support our economy and preserve Maine's image as an environmental leader.

Signed,

Myself, Laura Marston, **Go Go Refill**

Daniel Bell, **Agri-Cycle**

Rob Tod, **Allagash Brewing Company**

Melanie Hodgdon, **Business Systems Management Inc.**

Celine & Patrick Kelley, **Coastal Cafe and Bakery**

Greg & Lauren Soutiea, **Craignair Inn by the Sea & Causeway Restaurant**

Jodi Breau, **Dental Lace LLC**

Kendall Holmes, **Gardiner Food Co-op**

Mason Palmatier, **Little Dog Coffee Shop**

Daniel Kleban, **Maine Beer Company**

Dana Wilfahrt, **Patagonia**

Giuliana Orsky, **Toad & Co**

Ethan Whited, **Vagabond Coffee Truck**

Tyler Gleason, **We Compost It**

Marla Baldassare, **We Fill Good**



# RECYCLING REFORM FOR MAINE

More Effective • More Sustainable • More Equitable

Dear lawmaker,

Our communities are struggling to fund and manage robust and resilient recycling programs. As a result, Maine has yet to reach the goal of recycling 50% of our waste that was established by law 30 years ago. I urge you to support recycling reform to preserve and expand opportunities to recycle in order to help towns save money and conserve our finite natural resources.

Luckily an effective solution to our recycling problems is available. Maine must move quickly to adopt an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging Materials law so that our towns and taxpayers are no longer unfairly forced to shoulder the burden of managing and paying for recycling programs. The responsibilities of recycling need to be shared with the producers of the packaging who are currently profiting off of having us foot the bill.

EPR for packaging is already effectively used across the world, including in Australia, Brazil, and Canada, all 28 countries in the EU, and Russia. These systems successfully shift costs of managing recycling from taxpayers to the producers of packaging materials and increase recycling rates to well over 50%, which is an important way to save our finite natural resources.

Recycling reform in Maine will make recycling:

- **More Effective:** Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. And my community would have an economic incentive to maintain a robust recycling program that no longer creates a tax-burden.
- **More Sustainable:** Our current approach to recycling is not resilient to changes in the global recycling market. Because my community must budget for recycling, when costs rise unexpectedly we may be forced stop or restrict our program. This would be an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets fluctuate.
- **More Equitable:** Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers currently pay \$16-\$17.5 million per year to manage packaging waste. Meanwhile, more and more disposable and wasteful packaging is entering the market every day because producers have no incentive to design less wasteful packaging. This leaves me, the taxpayer, unfairly footing the bill for a problem I didn't create.

For these reasons, 2253 Mainers urge you to support Maine's municipal recycling programs by passing the extended producer responsibility for packaging law being proposed by LD 1541: An Act To Support and Improve Municipal Recycling Programs and Save Taxpayer Money.

**Thomas Ledue**

Acton, Maine

*Comment:* It's time for such common sense action!

**Bonnie Pooley**

Albany Twp, Maine

**Daria Forman**

Albion, Maine

**Paul Forman**

Albion, Maine

*Comment:* Please help keep Maine green and natural by supporting an 'extended producer responsibility for packaging' law. Our small rural towns should not have to absorb the costs of recycling. Thank you.

**Hugh Harwell**

Albion, Maine



*Comment:* EPR legislation is essential, decades late, but a key step in the right direction. The next stage must be product redesign laws that require manufacturers to eliminate planned obsolescence, make their products easily repairable, and set up return and reprocessing facilities and operations to radically reduce waste in landfills and incinerators.

**Lawrence Kassman**  
Albion, Maine

**Edward Riggs**  
Albion, Maine

**Sandy Hendrickson**  
Alfred, Maine

**Carol Gardner**  
Alna, Maine

**Deborah Hughes**  
Alna, Maine

**Cathy Johnson**  
Alna, Maine

**bill wood**  
Alna, Maine

**Amy Jones**  
Alton, Maine

**Diana Love**  
Alton, Maine

**Laura Sanborn**  
Alton, Maine  
*Comment:* Thank you

**Elissa Lufkin**  
Andover, Maine

*Comment:* Living in a beautiful state requires stewardship. With all the accomplishments of our time it seems like it's time to solve this problem. Thank you for supporting this measure.

**Claire Sessions**  
Andover, Maine

**Laurie Magee**  
Anson, Maine

*Comment:* It is critical that we work as a state to reduce the cost of our recycle programs in order to reduce our waste and support our recycling programs. The companies that are continuing to produce the packaging that is non-recyclable - or costly to recycle - need to be responsible for the cost of such continued practices - not the consumers or towns.

**Chris Grigsby**  
Appleton, Maine

**Peter Crockett**  
Argyle Twp, Maine

**Quinn Blaiklock**  
Arrowsic, Maine

*Comment:* There's no way to recycle many manufactured items. With the help of companies, we can progress to keeping so many resources out of landfills!

**Bart Chapin**  
Arrowsic, Maine

**Josephine Ewing**  
Arrowsic, Maine

*Comment:* For the health of the environment and for our own personal health, it is time to back off the over-use of plastics and return to biodegradable materials. This proposed law is an excellent start.

**Rosamond McLean**  
Arrowsic, Maine

**Jesse McMahon**  
Arrowsic, Maine

**Karen Robbins**  
Arrowsic, Maine

**Paul Schlein**  
Arrowsic, Maine

**Karen Ennis**  
Arundel, Maine

**Suzanna Taytslin**  
Arundel, Maine

**Kathryn Begg**  
Auburn, Maine

*Comment:* I was very concerned/upset when Auburn decided to only pick up recyclables every two weeks instead of one; but I get it. I even have my doubts as to whether or not this single stream system even works! When I took my green buckets out a shade too late for the pick up - the trash collectors who followed behind offered to throw it out for me! They were being thoughtful - I know - but I go to great lengths to collect it so I told them thanks but no thanks - I recycle it in another 2 weeks. I have noticed that only one other house on my street recycles!!! The City should 'encourage' it - dare I say MANDATE IT! Landlords should require their Tenants to comply! I just heard that the City of Burlington, VT is soon to require household composting! Yet we throw away millions of pounds of plastic! I was recently staying at a Marriott Hotel in LI NY - where they recycle NOTHING!! I made my

feeling know but ...! If recycling is not incentivized - then it must be mandated.

**Katie Bonawitz**

Auburn, Maine

**Renee Cote**

Auburn, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling should follow the polluter pays principle.

**Emily Courchesne**

Auburn, Maine

**Cynthia Grimm**

Auburn, Maine

**Janet Laird-Lagasse**

Auburn, Maine

*Comment:* Corporate stubbornness cannot be allowed to further damage our planet.

**Ellen Lord**

Auburn, Maine

**Benjamin Lounsbury**

Auburn, Maine

**Silver Moore-Leamon**

Auburn, Maine

*Comment:* We do need leadership on the state level to make local recycling more consistent and easier to do correctly.

**Shelley Norton**

Auburn, Maine

**Camille Parrish**

Auburn, Maine

**Jill Perkett**

Auburn, Maine

**Emily Reese**

Auburn, Maine

**Bob Sipe**

Auburn, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling is important! Let's fix it!!!

**Jamie Verrill**

Auburn, Maine

**M Whittier**

Auburn, Maine

*Comment:* Hold the trash collecting companies responsible to update! Dover, NH had mandatory recycling pay for trash in 1989!! We are too far behind. Check out World economics fb pages!

**Vanessa Williamson**

Auburn, Maine

**Arthur Woodward**

Auburn, Maine

**Austin Bayley**

Augusta, Maine

**Leon Bresloff**

Augusta, Maine

**E. Scott Dow**

Augusta, Maine

**Abigayle Eames**

Augusta, Maine

*Comment:* If you want to attract, and keep, younger folks in the region, recycling is a necessary because it's our future at risk here...

**Darryl Fuller**

Augusta, Maine

**Fiona Gordon**

Augusta, Maine

*Comment:* Pass an epr for packaging law and make it possible for Mainers to recycle as many materials as possible!

**Nicole Hamlin**

Augusta, Maine

*Comment:* Please do everything you can to keep Maine as Green and sustainable as possible.

**Connie Hanson**

Augusta, Maine

**Henry Harrell**

Augusta, Maine

**Kalie Hess**

Augusta, Maine

**Geoffrey Hill**

Augusta, Maine

**Leisa Hodgkins**

Augusta, Maine

**Bethany Laquidara**

Augusta, Maine

**Zoe Leblanc**

Augusta, Maine

**Roger Leisner**

Augusta, Maine

**Patrick Loftus**

Augusta, Maine

*Comment:* With the global market for recyclables having collapsed, Maine needs to seize this moment and adopt more modernized, efficient, and sensible recycling policies at the state level. Maine companies need a financial incentive to source less wasteful packaging, and residents deserve better recycling options than having to pay for it and/or drive miles away from their house to a recycling center with very limited hours. Finally, at a time when tens of millions of Americans are unemployed and many jobs are being eliminated, recycling reform represents a jobs creation opportunity. I look forward to supporting legislation, policymakers, and advocates who push innovative and common sense solutions for recycling in Maine.

**Carol Mucci**

Augusta, Maine

**Randi Murphy**

Augusta, Maine

**Mary Owen**

Augusta, Maine

**Lisa Pohlmann**

Augusta, Maine

*Comment:* I was happy when our Nobleboro Transfer Station started recycling a broad range of plastics several years ago, and very sad when they had to stop because China stopped taking U.S. waste. I hate to put strawberry containers and cooking oil bottles in the trash, plus I hate the over-packaging that comes with so many products, which all goes in the trash. It costs our local towns big bucks!! I am all for BIG CHANGE in Maine on this issue. Let's make Maine a recycling leader - not a laggard - again!

**Janet Schlegel**

Augusta, Maine

**Abigail Stratton**

Augusta, Maine

**Gail Thompson**

Augusta, Maine

**Adam Turner**

Augusta, Maine

**Jessica Whitman**

Augusta, Maine

**Frank Morin**

Baileyville, Maine

**Daniel Adam**

Bangor, Maine

**Charles Bell**

Bangor, Maine

**Pamela Boisvert**

Bangor, Maine

**Lisa Cyr**

Bangor, Maine

**Andrew Czwakiel**

Bangor, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling needs to be going upward in amount recycled not down. Less in landfills, more reuse.

**Sarah Dennison**

Bangor, Maine

*Comment:* We have a duty to preserve the health of our ecosystems for future generations, and that includes reducing waste. It is imperative that we improve our recycling systems so they are functional, because right now they are nowhere near what they need to be. We need manufacturers to take more responsibility for the products that they put on the market and where they will end up. Conscientious consumers are already doing everything they can to recycle, but the system is not strong enough. We need the ability to recycle more products, meaning companies need to be held responsible for manufacturing products that fit within the recycling system. Companies also must pay into the system that handles the waste they create and it should be considered simply another business expense. NRCM's recycling reform suggestions are mirroring what has worked very well in other countries, and we should follow their lead for a cleaner future.

**Miriam Devlin**

Bangor, Maine

*Comment:* We must take individual responsibility for all recycling, including those who produce the materials used for packing. This is no longer an either/or option. Where there are rights, there are also responsibilities.

**Mary Downing-Minctons**

Bangor, Maine

**Nancy Earle**

Bangor, Maine

*Comment:* I strongly support recycling. It is a disgrace to see the accumulation of plastics in our waters and land. We need new kinds of packaging material for our food and other products. Support all who are working to replace the waste we leave.

**Cathy Glover**

Bangor, Maine

**Sandra Joy**

Bangor, Maine

**Samantha Le**  
Bangor, Maine

**dave luce**  
Bangor, Maine  
*Comment:* IT-IS-TIME ---TO DO SOMETHING---!!!

**Donna McMahan**  
Bangor, Maine  
*Comment:* We must do more.

**Libby Norton**  
Bangor, Maine  
*Comment:* As far as I am concerned Bangor has abandoned recycling. I wish we had more information about how mixing our garbage with paper, glass and plastic (which we had been told needed to be clean in order to be recycled) can now be crushed together, pulled apart and recycled! I have been very discouraged. I hope you have the solution. I try my best to choose purchases based on packaging but it is very difficult.

**Joan Reif**  
Bangor, Maine  
*Comment:* Manufacturers need to stop packaging small things in huge amounts of plastic, cardboard, paper, etc.

**Jeff Reynolds**  
Bangor, Maine

**Taylor Rose**  
Bangor, Maine

**Layne Rowe**  
Bangor, Maine

**Lev Sherman**  
Bangor, Maine  
*Comment:* Please help us to restore the many years of good recycling practices and local collection centers through the extended producer responsibility for packaging law, and others. Our healthy society depends on it.

**Cason Snow**  
Bangor, Maine

**Linda Stearns**  
Bangor, Maine

**Cynthia Ward**  
Bangor, Maine

**Doug Bird**  
Bar Harbor, Maine

**Jordan Chalfant**  
Bar Harbor, Maine  
*Comment:* I care deeply about living sustainably and producing as little waste as possible. It takes cooperation

between citizens, industry, and policy makers for that to happen. Please support this endeavor!

**Elizabeth Chen**  
Bar Harbor, Maine  
*Comment:* The financial responsibility for disposing/recycling of packaging waste needs to be put on the producers. This bill creates incentives for the producers to reduce toxins in packaging materials and to design them so they are more easily recycled. Programs like this have worked in other countries. This is not that different from our own bottle bill. Please pass the extended producer responsibility for packaging law.

**Francis Cole**  
Bar Harbor, Maine  
*Comment:* As a person who tries to recycle everything possible, I would like to see everything done to encourage producers to package materials in a sustainable manner.

**Jennifer Crandall**  
Bar Harbor, Maine  
*Comment:* I am so frustrated at how little I can recycle in Bar Harbor: no glass, limited plastic. We need to use less and recycle more.

**Martie Crone**  
Bar Harbor, Maine

**Ellen Dohmen**  
Bar Harbor, Maine

**Christie Emigh**  
Bar Harbor, Maine  
*Comment:* Please make a commitment to recycling all materials, plastic, glass, paper, cardboard!

**Lamont Evans**  
Bar Harbor, Maine

**Nancy H.J. Evans**  
Bar Harbor, Maine  
*Comment:* Reform recycling, please!

**William Ferm Jr.**  
Bar Harbor, Maine

**Gary Friedmann**  
Bar Harbor, Maine

**Neva Goodwin**  
Bar Harbor, Maine  
*Comment:* I spend 2 months on MDI every summer, and am distressed that there is so much that cannot be recycled. Much could and should be reduced at the source. too much packaging on so many things, for example, but meanwhile there should be ways to recycle more.

**Abigail Goodyear**  
Bar Harbor, Maine

**Gail Grandgent**  
Bar Harbor, Maine

**Dixie Hathaway**  
Bar Harbor, Maine  
*Comment:* Make the manufacturers accountable.

**Rebekah Heikkila**  
Bar Harbor, Maine  
*Comment:* This is one small but important step toward a more equitable and regenerative use of resources. Please move EPR legislation forward in Maine!

**Mary D Hopkins**  
Bar Harbor, Maine

**Ann Jenkins**  
Bar Harbor, Maine

**Liz Kase**  
Bar Harbor, Maine  
*Comment:* We could, as a state, investigate the recycling of glass to Sweden and other Scandinavian countries who BUY glass.. if we can ship Beer, we can certainly ship glass..why not Maine for glass recycling for all of New England? We have plenty of ex factories, and we have Eimskip in Portland.

**Ted Koffman**  
Bar Harbor, Maine  
*Comment:* It's passed time to regulate access packaging; poor recycling material, clogging up landfills; wasting energy; avoidable costs to municipalities, tax payers, and consumers, as well as packaging too difficult to open safely.

**Janice Lowe**  
Bar Harbor, Maine

**Auria Mauras**  
Bar Harbor, Maine

**Rick Osann**  
Bar Harbor, Maine

**Michelle Perkins**  
Bar Harbor, Maine

**Nancy Poteet**  
Bar Harbor, Maine

**Barbara Sassaman**  
Bar Harbor, Maine

**Eleanor White**  
Bar Harbor, Maine

**Ellen Decotiis**  
Bar Mills, Maine  
*Comment:* Some towns have reduced recycling because of the changes in the markets available for our materials. The use of landfills is increasing while we watch plastics washing up on shores of protected islands in the Pacific Ocean. Let's be creative in re-using these plastics as reported by a company in Trenton, N.J.! We can be creative in Maine and develop jobs for people displaced by mill closures. We can also continue to ban items such as plastic bags and styrofoam packaging. We need to protect the earth in the face of impending climate change damage. Thank you.

**Henry Lanford**  
Bass Harbor, Maine

**Chris Richardson**  
Bass Harbor, Maine

**Thomas Barrington**  
Bath, Maine

**Kimberly Becker**  
Bath, Maine

**Siri Beckman**  
Bath, Maine  
*Comment:* Please, let's support recycling improvement now! The pandemic has created a serious problem in many ways personal and commercial. But besides that I often feel frustrated daily by the new product packaging that doesn't fit the description for what can be recycled. The craft beer industry for example does not carry the usual 5 or 10 cent recycling 'tag'. Why?

**Dozier Bell**  
Bath, Maine  
*Comment:* Shared responsibility for the sea of packaging materials we generate and use is the only sensible way to proceed. Producers must have incentives to market easily recyclable materials, and towns must not continue to be burdened with producers' refusal to do so.

**Will Blake**  
Bath, Maine

**Fred Cichocki**  
Bath, Maine  
*Comment:* All 'plastics', but especially packaging materials, should be both down- and upcyclable to the limit of molecular stability (at which point, additional considerations are warranted). This should be strictly enforced, to the extent that no new virgin plastics are allowed to be produced until all existing material is fully reprocessed according to its future utility (up to the molecular limit) and re-enters the stream (and so forth into the future.) I'd go even further. If nothing else,

the rate of production of goods that require special packaging should be limited by the rate of recycle of available packaging materials themselves. If this seems draconian, it should. Only by confronting the sacrosanct (but flawed) economics of modern production & consumption, and taking such extreme measures, can we possibly solve the 'plastics problem'. In the ecology of Nature, on the other hand, such 'measures' are the way it's always been. It's high time for us to go 'back to the future'.

**Adair DeLamater**

Bath, Maine

*Comment:* This is very important for our communities, and for our Earth.

**Padraic Dougherty**

Bath, Maine

**Deborah Goodwin**

Bath, Maine

**Nancy Hasenfus**

Bath, Maine

*Comment:* The Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging Law is so important. We are damaging our land and oceans with plastics which will never disappear. We need to support recycling now. Many countries are using this type of law and it is working.

**Sandy Hempe**

Bath, Maine

**Katy Hiza**

Bath, Maine

**Bill Howell**

Bath, Maine

**Paul Johnson**

Bath, Maine

**Thomas Kessler**

Bath, Maine

*Comment:* I support the Recycling Reform for Maine Petition as presented by the NRCM. In addition, as a Nation, the Recycling of all manufactured and produced products should be built into the design and endpoint of these products and the manufacturers and producers need to be fully integrated into the Recycling Process as well as the Consumers of these products.

**Steve King**

Bath, Maine

**William Langmaid**

Bath, Maine

**Rebecca Murray-Littlefield**

Bath, Maine

**Kimberly Nichols**

Bath, Maine

**Charles Reece**

Bath, Maine

**Alicia Romac**

Bath, Maine

*Comment:* Enough! We compost, recycle, use paper and reusable fabric bags, and we still have too much non-recyclable, food and packaging materials, glass and plastic. In addition, I have written letters, made phone calls and sent emails to companies directly asking them to use recyclable packaging. My efforts are not enough, effective legislation is necessary.

**Marina Singer**

Bath, Maine

**George Sprague**

Bath, Maine

**Katrina St. John**

Bath, Maine

**Brook Vail**

Bath, Maine

*Comment:* This is so important! Thank you!

**Jenifer Van Deusen**

Bath, Maine

**Gretta Wark**

Bath, Maine

*Comment:* It's time for meaningful reform to how we handle plastics and other materials in this country!

**Faith Woodman**

Bath, Maine

*Comment:* This reform will help protect our environment, reduce waste, and save us money. Please support this important legislation. Thank you

**Carol Varin**

Beddington, Maine

*Comment:* Our local landfill no longer takes items for recycling. Please help them find a cost effective solution.

**Dean Anderson**

Belfast, Maine

*Comment:* Reusing and recycling packaging materials is an essential piece in our efforts to preserve our land for future generations.

**Deborah Bailly**

Belfast, Maine

*Comment:* We must create incentives for large corporations to decrease the amount of plastic or other non-recyclable packaging, as well as help towns to recycle waste more fully.

**Martha Block**

Belfast, Maine

**Marilyn Boyer**

Belfast, Maine

*Comment:* Though my family is careful in what we buy, it is discouraging the amount of packaging that we have to recycle or throw away. Most products do not need the amount of packaging that they come in. Legislation to limit the amount of packaging, to require the packaging to be recyclable, and to hold companies responsible for the costs of disposing of their packaging would go a long way toward helping our waste disposal problems. - Marilyn J. Boyer

**Don Cox**

Belfast, Maine

**Corliss Davis**

Belfast, Maine

**William Fergusson**

Belfast, Maine

*Comment:* Just do it!

**Janine Gates**

Belfast, Maine

**Lisa Gates**

Belfast, Maine

**Sharon Goguen**

Belfast, Maine

*Comment:* I believe that everything we can do to reduce waste is important.

**Susan Guthrie**

Belfast, Maine

**David Hallbert**

Belfast, Maine

**Mary Hanson**

Belfast, Maine

*Comment:* Thank you for organizing this. I believe that this is a critical step in our reduction of waste.

**Kate Harris**

Belfast, Maine

**Conny Hatch**

Belfast, Maine

**Thomas King**

Belfast, Maine

**Samantha Langlois**

Belfast, Maine

*Comment:* Businesses need to take ownership for the waste they produce!

**Vina Lindley**

Belfast, Maine

**Penny Linn**

Belfast, Maine

**larry litchfield**

Belfast, Maine

**Ivy Lobato**

Belfast, Maine

**Sarah Lozanova**

Belfast, Maine

*Comment:* I support common-sense policies to keep recyclables out of landfills. I also believe corporations need to be held accountable for the packaging they are producing and not pass the expense on to municipalities.

**pam mckeen**

Belfast, Maine

*Comment:* I support recycling reform.

**Marianne McKinney**

Belfast, Maine

**John Morey**

Belfast, Maine

**Christine Murphy**

Belfast, Maine

**DEBBIE MURPHY**

Belfast, Maine

**Kathy Muzzy**

Belfast, Maine

*Comment:* This is so important to our future and future generations.

**Sandra Piechocki**

Belfast, Maine

*Comment:* Please reform recycling in Maine, make it more efficient, and reduce the burden on taxpayers.

**Jessica Plummer**

Belfast, Maine

**Jeff Shula**

Belfast, Maine

**Deborah Stevenson**

Belfast, Maine

**Elaine Tucker**

Belfast, Maine

**Judith Wick**

Belfast, Maine

*Comment:* It's vital we do much better at recycling. We insist on over-packaging almost everything. Plastic is overwhelming the planet, landfills are overloaded with trash that can be recycled and we are wasting finite resources.

**Susan Littlefield**

Belgrade, Maine

**Alexander Wall**

Belgrade, Maine

**Larry Brown**

Belgrade Lakes, Maine

**Cara Furman**

Belgrade Lakes, Maine

**Kevin Macdonald**

Belgrade Lakes, Maine

**Monica McCarthy**

Belgrade Lakes, Maine

**Sonya Weaver**

Belmont, Maine

**Jane Adams**

Bernard, Maine

**Jayne Ashworth**

Bernard, Maine

*Comment:* The ideas proposed make sense to me. Can we do them here in Maine? Thank you for considering this idea.

**Carey Donovan**

Bernard, Maine

*Comment:* Reduce is the top of the waste hierarchy in Maine, yet over the years waste has only continued to increase. This bill would reduce packaging and reduce the amount of waste that municipalities have to dispose of. It would incentivize corporations to provide packaging that is non-toxic and that is readily recyclable. It would also bring money back to the towns to support their recycling programs and waste management program. This legislation would benefit the environment (less toxins), reduce waste, and provide financial support to the towns.

**Jill Higgins**

Bernard, Maine

**Kathleen VanGorder**

Bernard, Maine

**Pamela Walsh**

Bernard, Maine

**Ellen Brouillet**

Berwick, Maine

**Annie Cannon**

Berwick, Maine

**Jamey Conroy**

Berwick, Maine

*Comment:* There is no excuse for waste that should be recycled. We need to incentivize both consumers and manufacturers so they move towards using renewable & recyclable packaging products, etc.

**Luke Conroy**

Berwick, Maine

**Diane Sirois**

Berwick, Maine

**Carol Whitaker**

Berwick, Maine

**Donald Angevine**

Bethel, Maine

**Douglas Bailey**

Bethel, Maine

**Barry Donohue**

Bethel, Maine

**Heather Hayward**

Bethel, Maine

**Robert Iles**

Bethel, Maine

*Comment:* I recently bought a little bottle of NAIL POLISH from Amazon. It was in a tightly sealed glass bottle, INSIDE A ZIP LOCK TYPE PLASTIC BAG,...INSIDE A DOUBLE WALLED, PADDED, PLASTIC ENVELOPE ABOUT 14 X 16 INCHES big!!! Isn't that ridiculous? And that plastic packaging has to go somewhere, where it will be FOREVER! I cannot find an address for Amazon or I would start a customer rebellion by mail or e-mail. I am signing this petition because somehow we need to let the companies know that they need to think small, biodegradable, in terms of packaging. I care about this! However, I don't completely understand this petition, but if it starts the conversation, I am all for it.

**Katherine Reddoch**

Bethel, Maine



**Sarah Southam**

Bethel, Maine

*Comment:* I have been working on ways to reduce plastic in my life, but the wasteful packaging is what is most frustrating to me because I don't have the ability to change that infrastructure. I think the companies who are shipping products to consumers need to come up with a way for us to either return the packaging material or reuse/recycle the material again in our local communities. It should not just be going into landfills. This is totally irresponsible on all our parts.

**Hannah Bonaventura**

Biddeford, Maine

**Lawrence Boyle**

Biddeford, Maine

**Meaghan Daly**

Biddeford, Maine

**David Fortier**

Biddeford, Maine

*Comment:* sane packaging is what I want

**Stephanie Makara**

Biddeford, Maine

**Carissa Maurin**

Biddeford, Maine

**Nancy Pierce**

Biddeford, Maine

**Bethaine Regan**

Biddeford, Maine

**Chloe Remillard**

Biddeford, Maine

*Comment:* Im tired of watching the world die right before my eyes. I'm 20. I should be worrying about finals, not whether or not the planet is still going to be alive by the time im 50.

**Nanci Williams**

Biddeford, Maine

*Comment:* There has to be a better way! Many people are resorting to just throwing recyclables away instead of recycling them due to all these changes.

**Kristina Wilson**

Biddeford, Maine

**Cynthia Howard**

Biddeford Pool, Maine

**Mary Pratt**

Biddeford Pool, Maine

**Ann Thompson**

Biddeford Pool, Maine

*Comment:* Responsible packaging by manufacturers needs to be a priority. It's vital to reduce or even eliminate pollution of non degradable plastic and other materials in our environment. We are clever enough to solve this problem now.

**Tracey Walls**

Bingham, Maine

*Comment:* I would like to see corporations pay the price of environmental damage their products and packaging do. I would like to see an end to toxic plastics completely replaced with renewable, biodegradable packaging and products.

Thanks

**Rick Alexander**

Blue Hill, Maine

*Comment:* I am asking you to support recycling reform to preserve and expand opportunities to recycle in order to help towns save money and conserve our finite natural resources.

**Stephen Benson**

Blue Hill, Maine

*Comment:* Everyone has to make the right decisions. Even if they are corporations.

**Tom Bjorkman**

Blue Hill, Maine

*Comment:* EPR is an Investment that pays high dividends in the long term.

**Barbara Bramble**

Blue Hill, Maine

**Martin Curlik**

Blue Hill, Maine

**semena curlik**

Blue Hill, Maine

**Randall Curtis**

Blue Hill, Maine

*Comment:* It's crazy that Maine is going backwards on the percentage of waste that is recycled statewide.

**Haydee Foreman**

Blue Hill, Maine

*Comment:* Hello. For years my friends and I have carefully sorted and cleaned our recyclables. For five of those years (in the early 2000s) our town was secretly hoarding glass (for lack of a buyer that never materialized) and tossing the surplus into the mixed trash. Little did I know that those were the GOOD times in our history of recycling. The solid waste situation for us in Hancock Cty. is terribly discouraging. It's in desperate need of reform. We need to stop allowing corporations to

externalize their costs by depending on small towns and individuals to deal with their excessive waste.

**Maria Goddard**

Blue Hill, Maine

**Leda Beth Gray**

Blue Hill, Maine

*Comment:* This makes a lot of sense! And it is CRAZY not to be recycling-- Maine needs to figure out a way to make it easy for people to recycle.

**Shelley Latham**

Blue Hill, Maine

**Peter Leonard**

Blue Hill, Maine

**Valencia Libby**

Blue Hill, Maine

*Comment:* Important for Maine to move into the 21st century with more jobs in recycling industries

**Eileen Mielenhausen**

Blue Hill, Maine

**Carolyn Mor**

Blue Hill, Maine

**Elinor Neuhauser**

Blue Hill, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling reform continues to lag in Maine and elsewhere! It is past time for Maine to introduce a state wide recycling initiative. EPR, an already internationally successful approach, should be adopted!

**Katharine Odell**

Blue Hill, Maine

**Trish Pettigrew**

Blue Hill, Maine

**Charles Roelofs**

Blue Hill, Maine

**Anne Smallidge**

Blue Hill, Maine

*Comment:* Please pass an extended producer responsibility for packaging law.

**Lilyanna Sollberger**

Blue Hill, Maine

**Rick Traub**

Blue Hill, Maine

**Gabrielle Wellman**

Blue Hill, Maine

**Arlee Woodworth**

Blue Hill, Maine

**Brian Barter**

Boothbay, Maine

**Wendy Bellows**

Boothbay, Maine

*Comment:* Please! All this plastic is helping to kill our planet!

**Sarah Callan**

Boothbay, Maine

**Bonnie Ginger**

Boothbay, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling doesn't work the way it should. To much of our plastic waste, even that which is recyclable, ends up in land fills or is burned. The only way to end our plastic problem is less use. How does that happen-consciousness raising is one part but another way that has not been implemented is to make sure manufacturers pay the bill for the pollution they are responsible for. If that happens they will figure out a way to package that doesn't cost them extra money. Hit where it hurts in the pocketbook! make them pay to dispose of their packaging.

**Lee Hammond**

Boothbay, Maine

**Elizabeth Hastings**

Boothbay, Maine

**Paul Johnson**

Boothbay, Maine

**Frederick Kraeuter**

Boothbay, Maine

*Comment:* Please, please, pass the extended producer responsibility for packaging law! Recycling should not be a one-sided thing. Industry needs to step up to the plate and accept responsibility for what they produce by producing more easily recyclable or compostable materials.

**Helen Larsen**

Boothbay, Maine

**Leanne Pander**

Boothbay, Maine

**Star Perkins**

Boothbay, Maine

**Joan Rioux**

Boothbay, Maine

**Carolyn Shubert**

Boothbay, Maine

**Shri Verrill**

Boothbay, Maine

**Sara Walbridge**

Boothbay, Maine

**Kathleen Younger**

Boothbay, Maine

**Robert Younger**

Boothbay, Maine

**Dorothy Ferrell**

Boothbay Harbor, Maine

**Bill Gruener**

Boothbay Harbor, Maine

*Comment:* Our state is cleaner with bottle recycling and our state is more beautiful. Let's do everything we can to recycle. Thank you.

**Kathryn Hartford**

Boothbay Harbor, Maine

**Mary Huntington**

Boothbay Harbor, Maine

**Karine Swanson**

Boothbay Harbor, Maine

*Comment:* I consider that all packaging materials should be biodegradable and fully support widespread recycling of separated waste streams.

**Meresa Erving**

Bowdoin, Maine

**Jennifer Howell**

Bowdoin, Maine

*Comment:* Manufacturers must be held accountable for wasteful packaging. It seems like everything is encased in plastic that can't be recycled - from plastic shipping envelopes (Amazon!) to shoelaces. Something has to give.

**Michelle Keleher**

Bowdoin, Maine

**Linda Lee**

Bowdoin, Maine

**Kelly Staples**

Bowdoin, Maine

**Doreen Swanhulm**

Bowdoin, Maine

*Comment:* Please require companies to share the burden of recycling plastics

**Marla Blake**

Bowdoinham, Maine

**Cindy Curran**

Bowdoinham, Maine

**Susan Drucker**

Bowdoinham, Maine

**Ashleigh Feeney**

Bowdoinham, Maine

**Penny Fox**

Bowdoinham, Maine

*Comment:* The cost of recycling may be high, but the costs of NOT recycling will be much greater! We can figure this out! We are MAINERS!! Penny Fox

**Debra Lipscomb**

Bowdoinham, Maine

**Karen Mayo**

Bowdoinham, Maine

*Comment:* Please help and provide leadership

**Henry Mitchell**

Bowdoinham, Maine

**Karen Tilbor**

Bowdoinham, Maine

**Barbara Brasslett**

Bradford, Maine

**Jamie Gordon**

Bradley, Maine

**Jonathan Merry**

Bremen, Maine

*Comment:* 100% support this, but we the consumer also need to adjust to the way we operate.

**Ethan Cates**

Brewer, Maine

**Jonathan Chappell**

Bridgton, Maine

*Comment:* Reducing solid waste should be a shared responsibility among producers and consumers. We need relief from our disposable culture.

**Stan Cohen**

Bridgton, Maine

**Catherine Crago**

Bridgton, Maine

*Comment:* I believe that this is only fair, and more importantly, crucial if the human race is going to survive. It will incentivize corporations to stop single use prepackaged crap like lunchables.

**Kate Fitzcharles**  
Bridgton, Maine

**Jack Heffernan**  
Bridgton, Maine

*Comment:* My husband Jack and I have recycled in any way we can for at least 40 years. Still, more and more stuff comes to us in the mail. Product packaging of the simplest purchase, from a store to on-line, is overblown. Furthermore, most packing materials are pure waste and polluters. Living in the country, we regret having to buy some items on-line, but often have no choice when it comes to medications and other basic items no long available in small towns because of e-commerce. Please work to minimize damage to our world through packaging. Stop it at the source.

**Mary Jewett**  
Bridgton, Maine

**Robert Jones**  
Bridgton, Maine

**Donna Joss**  
Bridgton, Maine

**Natalie Kelliher**  
Bridgton, Maine

**Jean Murphy**  
Bridgton, Maine

*Comment:* Bridgton recycling does its best, but the amount of plastic - and the burden of its disposal -- is overwhelming.

**Lynne Gilbert**  
Bristol, Maine  
*Comment:* It's about time! Let the corporations be responsible for the waste they create!

**Edward Hodgdon**  
Bristol, Maine  
*Comment:* We have to make a decision...are we, as a species, driven by a economic or a moral/ethical compass?

**Joanna Holland**  
Bristol, Maine  
*Comment:* Yes, we definitely need to push corporations to eliminate or limit plastic and other non easily sustainable packaging.

**Alan Littlefield**  
Bristol, Maine  
*Comment:* Reuse, decrease plastic , consume less

**Kathleen Riess**  
Bristol, Maine  
*Comment:* I absolutely support the concept of producer responsibility for packaging. They should be held accountable

in some fashion for their profligate use of plastics.I would pay extra to avoid plastic. I am discouraged by Maine's inability to take and recycle the different plastics now. I have kept them in the hopes that one day we will again have a solution to recycle these materials.

**Mariana Tupper**  
Bristol, Maine

*Comment:* Let's reduce and re-use MORE, so as to lessen the need for recycling. Next, let's give incentives for using recycled products. (One idea: list 'Recycling Heroes' on NRCM's website.)

**John & Janet Fuller**  
Brooklin, Maine

**Hendrik Gideonse**  
Brooklin, Maine

*Comment:* Do not forget to address the broader effort at public education on these and other environmental needs and tasks facing us. Recycling is intimately connected to fundamental energy reform as well as for all things environmental, we must deeply understand the implications of 'everything relates to everything else.' Greta Thunberg understands this for her generation, especially as we begin to grasp that we have borrowed it from them and so far failed in our stewardship for them.

**Sonia Groesbeck**  
Brooklin, Maine  
*Comment:* Please pass this law.

**Sharlene John**  
Brooklin, Maine  
*Comment:*

**Claire Mortimer**  
Brooklin, Maine  
*Comment:* Recycling is so important as a basic step to take to be responsible for trash we add to landfill. Creative solutions to this problem, that is not being adequately addressed in Maine, could create jobs and prevent more pollution of our land, air, water, and ocean.

**Annie Porter**  
Brooklin, Maine

**David Porter**  
Brooklin, Maine

**Jane Whitney**  
Brooklin, Maine  
*Comment:* The cost of recycling should not be my responsibility, when I have no control over the packaging choices made by corporations selling products to consumers.

**Mary Sward**

Brooks, Maine

**Anne Ferrara**

Brooksville, Maine

*Comment:* Every action to restore balance on our beloved Mother Earth is significant. This is part of the solution!!!

**Elizabeth Hill**

Brooksville, Maine

*Comment:* A friend from Sweden explained that after shopping at a grocery store, they could unwrap their purchases and leave the packaging as the store's responsibility to recycle. I try not to buy products packaged in plastic, use the bulk section at our local Coop, recycle, but dealing with the problem closer to the source would more effectively protect natural resources.

**Catherine Moore**

Brooksville, Maine

**Jaremy Lynch**

Brownfield, Maine

**Jeffrey MacDonald**

Brownville, Maine

**Nancy Paprocki**

Brownville, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling is difficult here. We have to take everything to the dump. They don't take glass and it hurts every time I throw glass out.

**christine adamowicz**

Brunswick, Maine

**Charlotte Agell**

Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* This is so needed.

**Donna Bann**

Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* We need to revamp our recycling programs due to changes in markets and the high level of importance that the environment is at this point. Please support improvements in recycling programs. Thank you!!!! Donna Bann

**Brian Banton**

Brunswick, Maine

**Moriah Baribeau**

Brunswick, Maine

**Jean Bass**

Brunswick, Maine

**Nancy Bliss**

Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* I support recycling reform as we need to change our recycling habits at the state and local levels here in Maine as well as across our whole country and world for that matter. We need to urge manufacturers to produce products with less packaging, and we as consumers need to be aware of how items we want are being packaged. We need to find different recycling markets and constantly reduce, reuse and recycle and refuse. Also as part of any recycling reform we need to encourage composting on a major scale by using the services of some of the up and coming composting companies like Garbage to Garden servicing mid- Coast Maine. Nancy D. Bliss

**Helen Boucher**

Brunswick, Maine

**Garrett Brann**

Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* There's only so much consumers can do. We need better, more cost-effective recycling programs and incentives to improve the amount of packaging that can be and is recycled.

**Richard Brautigam**

Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* It is right that the producers be required to fashion products that can easily be recycled.

**Peggy Brown**

Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* There is an urgent need to make recycling work in Maine and elsewhere. The increase in plastic packaging is alarming. We're being buried in plastic! Hoping our legislators take notice and take action.

**Carolyn Bryant**

Brunswick, Maine

**Robert Burgess**

Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* This reform is badly needed to incent producers of unnecessary or non-recyclable materials to find better alternatives. I'm in total support.

**Bruce Burnham**

Brunswick, Maine

**Celeste Caldwell**

Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* Let's DO it!

**Sarah Cline**

Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* please pass the "extended producer responsibility for packaging" law!!

**Sue Ellen Damour**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Christopher Dauphin**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Christine Detroy**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Jenny Donovan**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Nick Feiler**  
Brunswick, Maine

**John Fischer**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Bruce Found**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Susan Goodwin**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Jennifer Granger**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Holly Greene**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Douglas Hardy**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Marcia Harrington**  
Brunswick, Maine  
*Comment:* We need to ask manufacturers to be responsible for helping take back and recycle their products and packaging. Throwing stuff into a landfill or incinerating it is not sustainable environmentally!

**Kevin Hart**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Sarah Harvey**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Dorothy Hassfeld**  
Brunswick, Maine  
*Comment:* Manufactures have control of the materials they use for their goods. As a patron I need access as to whether or not the packaging is recyclable. If it is not I'll look for a different supplier or do without. Seems as if we need state legislation at the least, national legislation if we could get it at least just after the next election.

**Harry Hopcroft**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Whitney Houghton**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Arlene Husman**  
Brunswick, Maine  
*Comment:* We common folk also need to recycle everything we can. So do all the businesses, AND the corporations!

**Larry Kalajainen**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Barbara Kantner**  
Brunswick, Maine

**sue Kennedy**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Elizabeth Kirkpatrick**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Jeremy Litchfield**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Anne Marino**  
Brunswick, Maine

**John McKee**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Suzanne McLain**  
Brunswick, Maine  
*Comment:* Now, more than ever!

**Esther Mechler**  
Brunswick, Maine  
*Comment:* Why aren't the packaging companies pressured to minimize their products and make them bio-degradable - that would go a long way toward the solution

**David Merrill**  
Brunswick, Maine  
*Comment:* Great cause. It's about time we hold manufacturers responsible.

**Bronda Niese**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Dwight Paine**  
Brunswick, Maine  
*Comment:* Urging you to pass an 'extended producer responsibility for packaging' law. Maine needs to do more.

**Cindy Patterson**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Catherine Payson**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Sonni Peterman**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Robert Pinette**  
Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* Hard as I try, I can't avoid purchasing products with non-recyclable packaging. Our town's landfill will be full by April 2021 and communities are paying the price for finding a way to dispose of what manufacturers pass down to us. Ask them to take responsibility and hopefully make changes that benefit us all. Thank you.

**Stephanie Rayner**  
Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* I am appalled at plastic packaging. If Canada can put in new effective laws at reuse-refill etc why can't we! I HATE using those big Tide bottles, etc and then putting them in recycling...even the energy in recycling could be saved if we filled our own containers. This refill-reuse is not ONEROUS and would save so much waste.

**Zachary Rothschild**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Christine Rudalevige**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Sam Saltonstall**  
Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* It breaks my heart that I have to throw glass in the trash because our town can no longer afford to recycle it. We've got to do better. Surely as a state, we can come up with innovative solutions than reduce our impact on the Earth!

**Steve Sandau**  
Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling has taken a bit hit lately. It would be good to get it back to being more useful.

**Robin Schmidt**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Marcia Sewall**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Heather Sharkey**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Peter Simmons**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Christine Simonson**  
Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* At last a reach to the source! It's hard to win the game when all the players are not on the field. The packaging of all kinds of products is killing us - the manufacturers must take responsibility for sabotaging recycling efforts.

**Gordon Smith**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Craig Snapp**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Tyler Spillane**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Sue Stableford**  
Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* We need manufacturers and companies to reduce the excessive packaging of products which seems to be universal across product lines. And, we need them to share costs to recycle the waste they produce.

**Wayne Thibodeau**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Joel Tompkins**  
Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* Common sense suggests that controlling the packaging that manufacturers and retailers use is a necessary step to get a handle on our trash and recycling problems. Manufacturers and retailers need to be brought into the loop to help solve these issues.

**Annette Wakely**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Mary Lee Ward**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Loraine Washburn**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Susan Weems**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Margaret Wilson**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Michael Wilson**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Catharine Withers**  
Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* Having separated glass by color in the 70's, and bemoaning to overabundance of plastic packing today, I cannot imagine abandoning our recycling efforts. We are happy to learn of your site and the work you undertake. Thank you.

**Bonnie Wood**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Stephen Wood**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Linda Woodbury**  
Brunswick, Maine

**Linda Wood-McCullough**  
Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* As a long time educator, I have seen the enthusiasm for recycling among young people. I have worked on and been proud of the advances our state has made over the decades to reduce waste. It is devastating to see us considering moving backwards on this issue and I know we will pay the consequences both environmentally and economically in the future.

**Dieuwke Zolas**  
Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* It is time for these big energy corporations to take responsibility for the plastic disaster they have created. Complete and total disregard for the well being of our planet, animals and humans. Dieuwke Zolas

**Deziree Mackillop**  
Bryant Pond, Maine

**Diana Dunn**  
Buckfield, Maine  
*Comment:* I strongly support this Recycling Reform Program. It is frustrating and wrong to have to mix recyclable materials in with trash, because there is no market.

**Rosalind Ivens**  
Bucksport, Maine

**Tracey Minervino**  
Bucksport, Maine

**Michelle Moore**  
Bucksport, Maine

**Tina Pitchford**  
Bucksport, Maine

**Tammy Bodge-Terry**  
Burnham, Maine  
*Comment:* I have always recycled cans, newspapers, plastic bottles, glass, office paper, etc. One day I went to our local 'dump' on a Saturday only to find out that our recycling trailer is gone. I asked what happened and the dump attendee informed me that we could no longer afford to pay for recycling as a town. I say as a planet we NEED to afford recycling! At a time when climate change, fighting pollution, and being green are needed more than ever, we cannot abandon this important program. Please help reform this so my town can participate once again.

**Jeannette Segerson**  
Burnham, Maine

**Therese Morin**  
Buxton, Maine  
*Comment:* Please help fix the recycling programs in Maine!

**Sean Theriault**  
Buxton, Maine

**Patricia Dowse**  
Cambridge, Maine

**Georganne Bendall**  
Camden, Maine

**Barbara Buss**  
Camden, Maine

**Anna Dembska**  
Camden, Maine

**Carol Goodridge**  
Camden, Maine

**Ann Harris**  
Camden, Maine

**Elizabeth Henry**  
Camden, Maine

**Nancy Jenkins**  
Camden, Maine  
*Comment:* Recycling reform is the only way we can rid the world of the mountains of trash we create, each and every one of us, every day of the year.

**Amy Knowles**  
Camden, Maine

**Samantha Mortlock**  
Camden, Maine

**Beedy Parker**  
Camden, Maine  
*Comment:* Happy that we are going after plastic bags as a start, and that food waste is becoming a more public issue, with more food donated. But, back to plastics, and specifically plastic in the oceans and food chain, we need to start think about going to natural, biodegradable fabrics, because it is synthetic fabrics, particularly the beloved fleece items, that break off particles and get washed into the watershed, and they don't breakdown. And making producers responsible for packaging is absolutely something that we should do!

**Michael Remsen**  
Camden, Maine

**Petra Remsen**  
Camden, Maine



**Sarah Rheault**

Camden, Maine

**Roger Rittmaster**

Camden, Maine

**Stephanie Smith**

Camden, Maine

*Comment:* The plastic keeps piling up! We need upstream regulations to discourage the use of plastics by manufacturers.

**Sharon Staz**

Camden, Maine

**MOLLY STONE**

Camden, Maine

**Laurier Stonge**

Camden, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling helps reduce our footprint against waste. I am recycling everything possible to help keep Maine beautiful versus a garbage dump.

**David Wadstrup**

Camden, Maine

**Jan Warren**

Camden, Maine

**Suzanne Weiss**

Camden, Maine

**Pamela Cool**

Canaan, Maine

**Sharon Balzer**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

**Jodi Breau**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

**Daniel Chase**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling efforts have been underway for some time, but progress seems to be minimal. A different approach is needed.

**Brian Dietz**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

**Gena Doyle**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

*Comment:* We've run out of time to delay solutions. It is time to act!

**Jill Fogg**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

**Sara Gooch**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

*Comment:* Now is the time for change. Do better.

**Marianne Harmon**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

**Sophia Jackson**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

**Jennifer MacDonald**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

**Jeanne Najemy**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

**Jon Oxman**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

**Susan Payne**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

*Comment:* I have diligently recycled for years, and strongly believe in its value. I don't want us to absorb the increasing costs it entails, however. Making producers responsible for the costs of recycling will help us financially and environmentally.

**David Plimpton**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

**Bruce Rayner**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

**Cameron Robbins**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

**Meg Rogers**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

**Donald Rudalevige**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

**Suzanne Rudalevige**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

*Comment:* We absolutely need manufacturers to use only recyclable plastic in their packaging... it seems that more and more packaging is being used. As a consumer it is always a relief to see that e.g a plastic cup is made of plant based material. It is not like we cannot produce this kind of plastic. Education is also crucial. Even with the best will, it is hard to know exactly what can be recycled and when biodegradable items should be put in the recycling rather than going to the landfill.

**Marianne Schuman**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

*Comment:* As a grandmother to 3 young children and a baby on its way, I have grave concerns about the state of the

environment. We need to rethink how we do everything. Changing packaging is an excellent, long overdue way to begin. Companies have been slowly responding and will respond more rapidly with legislative pressure from the states. The car companies now follow California's emission and mileage standards. It CAN happen. Thank you for spearheading.

**Richard Sullivan**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

**Kiyo Tabery**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

**Nancy Witwicki**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

**Louis Hargan**

Cape Neddick, Maine

**Lt. Col Thomas Foley**

Cape Porpoise, Maine

*Comment:* We need to continue recycling to save Maine's environment.

**Thomas Foley**

Cape Porpoise, Maine

**Theodora Hanson**

Cape Porpoise, Maine

**David Jourdan**

Cape Porpoise, Maine

*Comment:* We are avid recyclers and composers. It is frustrating that so much packaging is included in many products.

**John Phillips**

Cape Porpoise, Maine

**Eric Goodale**

Carmel, Maine

**Karen Lavoie**

Carmel, Maine

**Andrea O'Neill-Knarr**

Carmel, Maine

*Comment:* Finally.....a plan that makes sense!

**bruce albiston**

Carrabassett Valley, Maine

**James Wilson**

Carrabassett Valley, Maine

**Zoe Zeerip**

Carrabassett Valley, Maine

**Lisa Boucher**

Casco, Maine

*Comment:* The world and our oceans are deeply connected to our health, the world's health and we must stop the plastic trash!

**Rona Fried**

Casco, Maine

*Comment:* Corporations should chip in! So tired of their wasteful packaging that I have little choice in buying and then recycling. I buy in bulk whenever I can, but am still stuck with way too much waste.

**Keith Morehouse**

Casco, Maine

**Noah Codega**

Castine, Maine

**Sheila Corbett**

Castine, Maine

*Comment:* To effectively protect our environment, to make a significant positive impact, change must be done legislatively, rather than by individual choice. We must work towards eliminating single use materials, especially plastics, which municipalities are collecting in large amounts but for which they find fewer and fewer recycling opportunities. Consumers and municipalities currently have no power to reduce the manufacturing use of pollutant materials and therefore are stuck with the cost burden. Ultimately, without legislative change, our environment and atmosphere are being degraded. The bottom line is that if a packaging material cannot be recycled or cleanly burned it must not be manufactured. We have the science and NRC of Maine is providing the vehicle for us to be more responsible stewards of our planet. I support them in this crucial endeavor. I hope you will too.

**Allison Fleck**

Castine, Maine

**Gill I**

Chamberlain, Maine

**Stephanie Hampton**

Chebeague Island, Maine

**Michael Porter**

Chebeague Island, Maine

**Brenda Corkum**

Chelsea, Maine

**Wayne Kostiw**

Chelsea, Maine

**Don and Leslie Bush**

Cherryfield, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling is the only way to save our planet.

**Audra Christie**

Cherryfield, Maine

**Jeremy Lassen**

Cherryfield, Maine

**Ivey Fogg**

Clinton, Maine

*Comment:* Anything man made should be made to be recyclable but since it doesn't happen that way we must find a solution to this GIGANTIC PROBLEM. We don't have lots of time either....

**Barbara Luce**

Clinton, Maine

**Diane Nigro**

Columbia Falls, Maine

**Karen-Jo Young**

Corea, Maine

**Jenni Reis**

Corinth, Maine

**Kathryn Foertsch**

Cornish, Maine

*Comment:* My business is in Sanford which recently banned any recycling from businesses. We throw out 12 cardboard boxes every day that could easily be recycled. But we also throw out 3 large styrofoam boxes every day because the shippers can't ship wisely and combine orders. Most items that we receive are unnecessarily packed in boxes way too big with lots of Styrofoam to fill the gaps.

**Janette Lynch**

Cornish, Maine

*Comment:* We really need to improve recycling in Maine. We don't even have curbside recycling in my town because the town cannot afford it.

**Abigail Rome**

Cranberry Isles, Maine

**Dirk Asherman**

Cumberland Center, Maine

*Comment:* Consumers and municipalities want to do the right thing, please ask the businesses to do their part to reduce packaging and recycle!

**Henry Bliss**

Cumberland Center, Maine

**Lee Buffinton**

Cumberland Center, Maine

**Linda Draper**

Cumberland Center, Maine

**Karyn Kurland**

Cumberland Center, Maine

**Maryann Larson**

Cumberland Center, Maine

*Comment:* Paul Hawken wrote about the issue of corporations being more responsible for the products and waste they produce in his book 'Ecology of Commerce' probably 15 years ago. It's time.

**Tyler McGinley**

Cumberland Center, Maine

**Nancy Read**

Cumberland Center, Maine

**Peter Rubins**

Cumberland Center, Maine

**Jana Spaulding**

Cumberland Center, Maine

**Donna Walter**

Cumberland Center, Maine

**Nancy Anderson**

Cumberland Foreside, Maine

**Jessica Cardoso**

Cumberland Foreside, Maine

**MARGERY GRUBER**

Cumberland Foreside, Maine

*Comment:* Reduce the burden for the consumer who doesn't always have a choice.

**Stephen Heinz**

Cumberland Foreside, Maine

*Comment:* We need to recycle more and better. We need to fix things on the supply side. So much of recycling involves packaging. Too much of what is marked with a Plastic Recycling Symbol (PET) is NOT recycled.

**Theodore Lakeman**

Cumberland Foreside, Maine

*Comment:* Rock it !

**Sarah Nichols**

Cumberland Foreside, Maine

**Jay Reighley**

Cumberland Foreside, Maine

**Ericka Gray**  
Cushing, Maine

**Wendy Mitchell**  
Cushing, Maine

**Kristi Niedermann**  
Cushing, Maine

**Faeterri Silver**  
Cutler, Maine

*Comment:* Yes, I have been trying to make this point for over 40 years. Consumers have little choice as what to do with the packaging from products that they buy. Though I tend to buy in bulk at a health food store, many buy from large grocery chains. Therefore this is a great opportunity to help pay for the cost of recycling. I hope more entrepreneurs move forward on using the cardboard, glass, etc to turn into other usable products. Also credits for plastic polymers (like carbon credits) may move plastic recycling into a better place.

**Roberta Atkinson**  
Damariscotta, Maine

*Comment:* An overwhelming problem which must be solved now! Everyone is responsible for the situation we are in.

**Bill Bausch**  
Damariscotta, Maine

*Comment:* This is a great first step to correct the current situation of packaging that defies recycling. If we consumers and taxpayers insist on changes and use our purchasing choices to put pressure on manufacturers and distributors to move in an environmentally responsible direction, things will happen.

**Sean Fleming**  
Damariscotta, Maine

*Comment:* The Nobleboro/Jefferson Transfer Station used to used to accept many plastics, but now only accepts #2 plastics. The other plastics are placed in the general trash.

**Gabrielle Grunkemeyer**  
Damariscotta, Maine

**kathryn Hyttel**  
Damariscotta, Maine

**Elizabeth McPherson**  
Damariscotta, Maine

*Comment:* Yes, we need the producers to take full responsibility for their materials that can't be recycled. I cringe every time I end up with that kind of packaging. Let's keep pushing and prodding our lawmakers until they vigorously support reform of recycling in Maine.

**Roger Panek**  
Damariscotta, Maine

**Barnaby Porter**  
Damariscotta, Maine

**Sara Anagnostis**  
Dayton, Maine

*Comment:* As an employee of Dental Lace I support this bill 100 percent!

**John Bacon**  
Deer Isle, Maine

**Jacqueline Davidson**  
Deer Isle, Maine

**Dana Douglass**  
Deer Isle, Maine

**Thomas Kellogg**  
Deer Isle, Maine

**Ruth Lamdan**  
Deer Isle, Maine

**Frederica Marshall**  
Deer Isle, Maine

**Judith O'Callaghan**  
Deer Isle, Maine

**Anne Wilson**  
Deer Isle, Maine

*Comment:* For the future of the earth and of our children, please pass an 'Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging' law.

**Amy Hodgdon**  
Dennysville, Maine

*Comment:* PLEASE! We must do something!!!

**Brandelyn Hodgdon**  
Dennysville, Maine

**Summer Hodgdon**  
Dennysville, Maine

**Robert Fritsch**  
Dexter, Maine

*Comment:* We must recycle to bring order in an increasingly throw-away society and keep the height of our trash piles down. It is the right and responsible thing to do in this day and age.

**Laura Bridgman**  
Dixmont, Maine

*Comment:* Action to reduce plastic and packaging in Maine!

**Diana Cookson**  
Dixmont, Maine

*Comment:* We need to minimize the use of plastic. Plastics are

toxins that are polluting our lands and waters and finding their ways into our bodies.

**Lynne Lamstein**  
Dixmont, Maine

**Don Pendleton**  
Dixmont, Maine

*Comment:* There needs to be a collaborative effort to work on this problem. The town's and communities are going in different directions.

**Carole Boothroyd**  
Dover Foxcroft, Maine

*Comment:* Please help our municipalities with recycling efforts.

**jessica kerr**  
Dover Foxcroft, Maine

*Comment:* I may collect all my recycling and be conscientious, but it would be better if so many things we buy didn't come in single-use plastic containers. The most crucial change has to take place at the level of manufacturing, packaging, and marketing. We must CHANGE the way products are marketed and delivered to consumers. Not just TRY to recycle the overwhelming tide of plastic continuously flowing.

**Susan Ramsey**  
Dover Foxcroft, Maine  
*Comment:* Let's keep Maine beautiful!

**Joseph Sands**  
Dover Foxcroft, Maine  
*Comment:* Great Idea! Someone needs to change the packaging for soda and beer containers.

**Susan Stevens**  
Dover Foxcroft, Maine

**Joan Drappeau**  
Dresden, Maine

**Robert Fesler**  
Dresden, Maine  
*Comment:* Our obligation is to protect our Earth. Cleaning up after ourselves is a basic duty. Over the years, recycling has been a good way to participate in this effort. Now that it has become more challenging to recycle, we need to face the problem and find better solutions. Part of this will be legislating a requirement that corporations take responsibility for wasteful packaging, an effort I strongly support.

**Don Gleason**  
Dresden, Maine  
*Comment:* Even though this will help shift the thinking about waste, the costs will still be born by consumers.

**Laura Ronan**  
Dresden, Maine

**Judy Tunkle**  
Dresden, Maine

**Wayne Almy**  
Durham, Maine

**Roberta Brezinski**  
Durham, Maine  
*Comment:* Producers need incentive to create packaging that creates only minimal yet wholly recyclable waste.

**Kevin Kearns**  
Durham, Maine

*Comment:* Please continue to support recycle programs. Especially for plastics. We are filling our oceans and killing our wildlife as a result.

**Kristin Nam**  
Durham, Maine

**Catherine Oldham-Creamer**  
Durham, Maine

**Deborah Wiggs**  
East Blue Hill, Maine

**Nancy Adams**  
East Boothbay, Maine  
*Comment:* Producers should pay for packaging not the consumers. This will be an incentive to make packaging materials more sustainable.

**Doreen Dun**  
East Boothbay, Maine

**Pamela Lauzau**  
East Boothbay, Maine

**Francine Rondina**  
East Boothbay, Maine

**Tom Rondina**  
East Boothbay, Maine

**Elizabeth Wing**  
East Boothbay, Maine

**Sharon Dean**  
East Machias, Maine

**Connie Harter-Bagley**  
East Machias, Maine

**Katherine Holmes**  
East Machias, Maine

**Karl Pingree**

East Machias, Maine

**Judith Valentine**

East Machias, Maine

**Perin Yates-Gray**

East Machias, Maine

**Kirk Fernald**

East Millinocket, Maine

**Sara Faull**

East Orland, Maine

**Matthew Freytag**

East Vassalboro, Maine

**M Leach**

East Waterboro, Maine

**Kenneth McNally**

East Waterboro, Maine

**Deborah Burke**

East Wilton, Maine

**Amy LeBlanc**

East Wilton, Maine

*Comment:* Go for it ...it's about time!

**Ellen Trask**

Easton, Maine

**Robert Godfrey**

Eastport, Maine

**Marged Higginson**

Eastport, Maine

*Comment:* Producer responsibility for packaging is key to the effort, as is processing recycled materials right here in the U.S.A.

**Jean Schild**

Eastport, Maine

*Comment:* Please support recycling. Plastics are killing the ocean

**Lora Whelan**

Eastport, Maine

*Comment:* We need to move into new territory with recycling. As someone who has volunteered with recycling efforts for over 20 years, and once upon a time received the Maine Resource Recovery Association Volunteer of the Year award, I've stood shoulder-to-shoulder with others only to see years of effort disrupted by market forces and political wills. No matter how hard we try, with our current model we are dependent on external markets. We need to change the starting

point rather than the ending point -- challenging manufacturers to reduce, reuse and recycle in their manufacturing processes and in their business-to-customer delivery and packaging. Thank you.

**Julie Hayes**

Eddington, Maine

**Sarah Nickerson**

Eddington, Maine

*Comment:* I want to make Maine, New England and the world a cleaner place for mine and my children's future. There is so much potential for profitable change. Let's do this!

**Lisa Panepinto**

Eddington, Maine

**Richard Annino**

Edgecomb, Maine

*Comment:* I hope that the recycling reform can provide a way for industries that use recycled material to build, create, etc can be right here in Maine. Everyone wins and there are more jobs as well.

**Alex Gordon**

Edgecomb, Maine

**Kathleen Halm**

Edgecomb, Maine

**Rob Hoffman**

Edgecomb, Maine

**Sara Castellez**

Eliot, Maine

**Timothy Colson**

Eliot, Maine

**Peter Derby**

Eliot, Maine

*Comment:* Abandoning recycling and dumping everything into landfills like we once did is NOT moving in the right direction. We need to find a solution that is more sustainable than shipping everything to China. That said, I understand that China is still a possible customer if we pay more attention to how well we separate and bundle what we send them.

**Jennifer Dunn**

Eliot, Maine

**Rosemary Gordon**

Eliot, Maine

**Laura Pope**

Eliot, Maine

*Comment:* We need much better recycling. It's absurd that we don't recycle glass very much. The tidal wave of electronic

waste needs to be resolved in better and more recycling centers. Doing all of this would mean more jobs!

**Roni Bloom**

Ellsworth, Maine

**BRENDA CARTWRIGHT**

Ellsworth, Maine

*Comment:* Thank you. I look forward to getting more involved.

**Steven Ciciotte**

Ellsworth, Maine

*Comment:* The current process for recycling and waste is unsustainable. Please consider this petition as a viable solution. Thank you.

**Christine Cotton**

Ellsworth, Maine

*Comment:* The recycling program in Ellsworth Maine accepts so little it's practically non-existent! They don't take glass anymore...only #1 and #2 and they have to be cylinder shaped, with the top narrower than the bottom. It's ridiculous that so many other Plastic and glass items are just going to landfills. ..and then eventually, I'm afraid, into our oceans! Something needs to be desperately done to improve recycling all over our country.

**Edward Farwell**

Ellsworth, Maine

**Katina Fuller**

Ellsworth, Maine

**Jacqueline Grohoski**

Ellsworth, Maine

**Martha B. Higgins**

Ellsworth, Maine

*Comment:* The carrot approach hasn't worked, it's time to bring out the stick, or at least a branch!

**Lori Kissinger**

Ellsworth, Maine

**Renee La Casse**

Ellsworth, Maine

**Wendy Lessard**

Ellsworth, Maine

**Christa Little-Siebold**

Ellsworth, Maine

*Comment:* Its time to enact and lead our nation from Maine by reducing recycling/garbage fees with simple actions as proposed by NRCM. National Corporations need to come to the table and reduce their packaging responsibly.

**Dodie Longfellow**

Ellsworth, Maine

**Monica McAndrews**

Ellsworth, Maine

*Comment:* I support real recycling reform in Maine now.

**Catherine Noparstak**

Ellsworth, Maine

**Margaret Ober**

Ellsworth, Maine

*Comment:* Thank you for being part of the solutions to reform recycling in Maine. Please work with the ideas presented in the plan to alleviate the increased trash in the waste stream, and in the recycle bin. So many types of plastic and even glass are no longer accepted at my center in Ellsworth. Producers of packaging materials must play their huge part in effecting the changes. Margaret Ober

**Nancy Patterson**

Ellsworth, Maine

*Comment:* This is much needed. Everyone needs to pull together and get this done for the sake of our planet.

**Amy Richards**

Ellsworth, Maine

*Comment:* Our recycling programs are reduced rather than growing. We need create incentives for new methods that are more effective. We can't stop recycling because China doesn't want our trash anymore.

**Bronwen Rogers-Venema**

Ellsworth, Maine

**Julia Ventresco**

Ellsworth, Maine

**Heather Wagner**

Ellsworth, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling is the least we can do to help better use our finite resources!

**Jada Wensman**

Ellsworth, Maine

*Comment:* Ellsworth recycling is so minimal, that the majority of all products go straight to the landfill. Let's find a solution!

**Mark Whiting**

Ellsworth, Maine

**David A. Woolsey**

Ellsworth, Maine

**Rosa Livonius**

Etna, Maine

*Comment:* The plastic burden is too great for consumer based

recycling efforts. Reduce or eliminate single use and plastic packaging.

**Doris Neptune**

Exeter, Maine

**Ruth Provost**

Exeter, Maine

**Laura Sholtz**

Exeter, Maine

**Richard Flanagan**

Fairfield, Maine

**Edward Griffith**

Fairfield, Maine

**Janice Hallee**

Fairfield, Maine

**Elizabeth Lykling**

Fairfield, Maine

**Sally Melcher-McKeagney**

Fairfield, Maine

*Comment:* Because our beloved planet has a finite number of resources, and because being wasteful is something our parents and grandparents would scold us about, if they only knew, we need to expand, not lessen, our recycling efforts. A dear friend of mine, in her 80s, tells a story about her mother, who, upon seeing all the extra store packaging for individual items said, 'We will be buried by our trash!' And that is coming true now. We must stop it.

**Lyn Rowden**

Fairfield, Maine

*Comment:* Get these product makers to make packaging that is easily recycled. Cut out so much waste esp in uge plastic containers for a minute amount of pills, the heavy plastic coverings on items that don't even need packages and make it so we can use our own reusable jars and bottles in the grocery stores. Thank you

**Paul Wheelock**

Fairfield, Maine

*Comment:* Let's take action which demands that those packaging of goods implement packaging practice that reduce & minimize the packaging material used. For example, breakfast cereal box that are 2/3 filled be reduced in size. If 'settling' is the real issue then the settling of the product out to be done while packaging, mathematically calculating the anticipated size change. None of this is rocket science and the industry know how to do this.

**Catherine Chamberlain**

Falmouth, Maine

*Comment:* Plastic containers contribute to so much waste. It's time to rethink over packaging.

**Debra Coyman**

Falmouth, Maine

*Comment:* I have believed for years that the manufacturers who design packaging should bear the responsibility for the aftermath, whether it turns to trash or is reusable/recyclable. Communities and their taxpayers should not have to bear the end result of non-sustainable and wasteful packaging choices. Recent changes in the market for recyclables have put additional pressure on municipalities, with likely negative results for the environment. I believe lawmakers should support extended producer responsibility for packaging in Maine.

**Jennifer Cummings**

Falmouth, Maine

*Comment:* Thank you for considering this important measure.

**Isabel Denham**

Falmouth, Maine

**Aaron Dries**

Falmouth, Maine

*Comment:* Make recycling work please.

**Alicia Faller**

Falmouth, Maine

**Frederick Farquhar**

Falmouth, Maine

*Comment:* Let's make more recyclable packaging, or better still, let's use less packaging!

**James Goggin**

Falmouth, Maine

**Annette Gould**

Falmouth, Maine

**Layne Gregory**

Falmouth, Maine

*Comment:* Saving our planet starts at home.

**Karen Harrell**

Falmouth, Maine

*Comment:* I was pleased to see the interns us in Falmouth. Many had been including the wrong items into the recycling bins. We all must attempt to improve our lives and the environment.

**Mollie Heron**

Falmouth, Maine

*Comment:* I am very upset that the town I live in, Falmouth, has not signed up to support this bill. I also have a summer camp in Orland, and after very recently going to taxpayer



expense to build their own Recycling Center, it is no longer open as often as it used to be because they can't sell everything.

**Pat Ianni**

Falmouth, Maine

**Karen Jacobsen**

Falmouth, Maine

**Judy Labrasca**

Falmouth, Maine

**Sara Leonard**

Falmouth, Maine

**Emily Meserve**

Falmouth, Maine

**Sydney Patten**

Falmouth, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling Reform is EXTREMELY important to me! And my family, and my children.

**Anne Payson**

Falmouth, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling reform is badly needed, as the current system is piecemeal and puts an unfair burden on municipalities and consumers.

**Paul Retherford**

Falmouth, Maine

**Patti Roderick**

Falmouth, Maine

*Comment:* As the market for recycled materials have shrunk, the cost is going up. We need to keep Mainers motivated to recycle and a good start is reducing our burden by passing this bill. It is being done by so many larger corporations worldwide, why not in Maine?

**Doris Salzman**

Falmouth, Maine

**Melanie Sturm**

Falmouth, Maine

**Barbara Trentacosta**

Falmouth, Maine

*Comment:* The recycling system has long frustrated me! Does this cardboard container with food stains recycle, etc? So I'm all for reform!!!

**Lisa Vicens**

Falmouth, Maine

**Diana Washburn**

Falmouth, Maine

**Renee Wolff**

Falmouth, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling is a key and the burden should be on producers as well as consumers, as it is in most other countries.

**Thomas Woodruff**

Falmouth, Maine

**Sue Kistenmacher**

Farmingdale, Maine

**Sarah Land**

Farmingdale, Maine

**Renee Page**

Farmingdale, Maine

**Andrew Barton**

Farmington, Maine

**Kelly Bentley**

Farmington, Maine

**Camille Blanchet**

Farmington, Maine

**Caitlin Bogar**

Farmington, Maine

**Patricia Chick**

Farmington, Maine

**Sarah Collins**

Farmington, Maine

**Drew Crockett**

Farmington, Maine

**Denisa Cundick**

Farmington, Maine

**Rebecca Dennison**

Farmington, Maine

**Emery Goff**

Farmington, Maine

*Comment:* We live in Senior Housing, want to be able to recycle more here.

**Kevin Goodoak**

Farmington, Maine

**Daniel Hale**

Farmington, Maine

*Comment:* Let's reform recycling!

**Sylvia Howes**

Farmington, Maine

*Comment:* We need a comprehensive recycling program in Maine. Everything needs to be recycled. Manufacturers need to take responsibility for their packaging, not just bottles & cans. All Plastics need to be reused & recycled, not just #2 like we have in Farmington. Our wasteful society is a disgrace.

**Joy Jancewicz**  
Farmington, Maine

**Lucas Kellett**  
Farmington, Maine

**Nicole Kellett**  
Farmington, Maine  
*Comment:* We need to end our reliance and cost of plastic!

**David Lawless**  
Farmington, Maine

**Mary Lynch**  
Farmington, Maine

**Mary Sinclair**  
Farmington, Maine

**Morgan Spencer**  
Farmington, Maine

**Donna Wheeler**  
Farmington, Maine  
*Comment:* I have been waiting for a way to have the companies using this packaging to step up and find better alternatives. This is a huge step in the right direction!

**Paula Widmer**  
Farmington, Maine  
*Comment:* Enlightened folk support recycling in its most efficacious forms. Most voters in Maine want the best recycling options. Pay attention to those of us who are aware of smart recycling.

**Jane Woodman**  
Farmington, Maine

**Velda Yamashiro**  
Farmington, Maine

**Ellen Hopkins**  
Farmington Falls, Maine

**Lisa Lisius**  
Farmington Falls, Maine

**Barrie Colbath**  
Fayette, Maine

**Holly Hughes**  
Frankfort, Maine

**Becka Gagne**  
Franklin, Maine  
*Comment:* We need recycling reform now!

**Soren Hansen**  
Franklin, Maine

**Satya Khalsa**  
Franklin, Maine  
*Comment:* This is so important now and for the future. Let us deliver a home planet to our children that is full of life, not landfills.

**Alice Noyes**  
Franklin, Maine  
*Comment:* Very important work for our environment.

**Medea Steinman**  
Franklin, Maine

**Meredith Coffin**  
Freedom, Maine  
*Comment:* I help represent my community on the BOD of our recycling facility, the Unity Area Regional Recycling Facility, UARRC. It is owned and managed by 8 towns and this bill will go a long way in helping towns offset their financial participation in this facility. Recyclables used to be worth a lot more than today. The viability of this center is in question. We need to keep this facility thriving so we can continue to responsibly recycle even more than what we do today.

**Rhoda Waller**  
Freedom, Maine

**Mareisa Weil**  
Freedom, Maine  
*Comment:* This is so important and Maine should take strong action on this issue! Dirigo.

**Lissa Widoff**  
Freedom, Maine

**Tegan Barber**  
Freeport, Maine

**Jane Baxter**  
Freeport, Maine

**Lucy Birkett**  
Freeport, Maine

**Pam Blake**  
Freeport, Maine  
*Comment:* If those who create packaging waste have to take financial responsibility for cleaning it up, I'll bet they will much more quickly find a way to reduce the waste stream.

**Edward Brainard**

Freeport, Maine

*Comment:* Maine needs a statewide solution to reduce waste and increase recycling.

**James Chute**

Freeport, Maine

**Noah Cummings**

Freeport, Maine

**Kristen Dorsey**

Freeport, Maine

**Andrea Feigner**

Freeport, Maine

**Michael Fenderson**

Freeport, Maine

*Comment:* Maine has been a leader at times in the efforts to recycle. This is a key moment to double these efforts to reject pollutants and lead the way towards green solutions to a warming planet.

**Susan Hancock**

Freeport, Maine

**Mair Honan**

Freeport, Maine

*Comment:* So very important and maine can do it.

**Stephen Joyce**

Freeport, Maine

*Comment:* we should do what we can to keep plastics out of our oceans and landfills. thank you.

**Lisa Kelley**

Freeport, Maine

**Vicki Kilborn**

Freeport, Maine

**G Clayton Kyle**

Freeport, Maine

**Thomas Lawton**

Freeport, Maine

**Doug Leland**

Freeport, Maine

*Comment:* We can do better ... we need to do better. This legislation will bring the necessary parties together to see that we do in a responsible and collaborative manner.

**Florence Lusk**

Freeport, Maine

*Comment:* Reducing the amount of packaging AT THE SOURCE makes so much sense.

**Douglas Martin**

Freeport, Maine

**Russell Martin**

Freeport, Maine

**Barbara McHugh**

Freeport, Maine

*Comment:* This is very important. I strongly encourage all efforts to reduce unnecessary waste in our community.

**Mari Miya**

Freeport, Maine

**Nicholas Nelsonwood**

Freeport, Maine

**Theresa Oleksiw**

Freeport, Maine

**Josh Olins**

Freeport, Maine

**Yacob Olins**

Freeport, Maine

**Hannah Osborne**

Freeport, Maine

**Michael Perry**

Freeport, Maine

*Comment:* Thank you for guiding us toward a healthier State and planet for all people. Voting this year is critical for courageous candidates that stand for an interconnected planet working for the well being of all our children

**Daniel Piltch**

Freeport, Maine

**Albert Presgraves**

Freeport, Maine

*Comment:* This will help to reduce packaging waste, which has the shortest useful life of any product. Every little bit helps reduce impacts on the environment.

**Rick Rhea**

Freeport, Maine

**Mary Rial**

Freeport, Maine

**Kate Rosenfeld**

Freeport, Maine

**Stephanie Scherr**

Freeport, Maine

**Carol Southall**

Freeport, Maine

*Comment:* No more plastic bags!!!

**Allison Starr**

Freeport, Maine

**Valy Steverlynck-Horne**

Freeport, Maine

**Caroline Thorne-Lyman**

Freeport, Maine

*Comment:* Yes!Yes!Yes! Corporations need to take responsibility for recycling what they make!

**Pamela VanVolkenburgh**

Freeport, Maine

**William Vaughan**

Freeport, Maine

*Comment:* Please take action to update our recycling laws and procedures here in Maine.

**David Zamarripa**

Freeport, Maine

*Comment:* I fully support an extended producer responsibility law in order to help better manage our waste production and disposal. Thank you for all of your efforts and successes.

**Susan Alexander**

Friendship, Maine

**Annelle Miller**

Friendship, Maine

*Comment:* This impacts all property tax payers in Maine. As landfills fill up, the cost to towns and villages for trash disposal increase.

**Robert Nash**

Friendship, Maine

*Comment:* We need to be able to recycle all plastic. Reduce plastic use? Yes. But plastic is not going away. We need to do something with it.

**Richard Nelson**

Friendship, Maine

**Nora Schwarz**

Fryeburg, Maine

**Ralph Smith**

Fryeburg, Maine

**Elizabeth Cuprak**

Gardiner, Maine

**Kristen Genovese**

Gardiner, Maine

**Ilana Gilg**

Gardiner, Maine

**Alice Gouge**

Gardiner, Maine

*Comment:* I support recycling reform and further education

**Levi Hahn**

Gardiner, Maine

**Christopher St. John**

Gardiner, Maine

**Eunice St. John**

Gardiner, Maine

**Allison Wells**

Gardiner, Maine

**Sheila Schoolcraft**

Garland, Maine

**Lee Cooper**

Georgetown, Maine

*Comment:* Banning plastic bags is a great idea, thank you. BUT we need a comprehensive state composting program and require composting materials to be used wherever possible, recyclable materials next.

**Alison Freeman**

Georgetown, Maine

**Chris Gosster**

Georgetown, Maine

**Jonathan Kimball**

Georgetown, Maine

**Rachel Madsen**

Georgetown, Maine

**Sandy Maggied**

Georgetown, Maine

*Comment:* I've been saying this for ages! Manufacturers need to step up and take responsibility for the excessive waste they produce, sell with their product, then wash their hands of and walk away! Now look what a mess this planet has! Use your profits to clean up after yourself!

**Elizabeth Sky-McIlvain**

Georgetown, Maine

*Comment:* Small towns like mine have drastically cut back on recycling due to cost, while at the same time as an increasing number of the products we purchase are over-packaged in plastic. Requiring product producers to share in the recycling solution is sensible. Produce packaging, shipping containers, product packaging (and more) can all be improved with

forward-thinking and incentives for inventive/new solutions.  
This would be an important start!

**David Tudor**

Georgetown, Maine

**Lori (Lorraine C.) Arsenault**

Gorham, Maine

*Comment:* Individuals and companies, let's choose to make a difference by choosing to purchase and produce the items with reusable or recyclable packaging, and reduce waste of all kinds. Practice good responsible habits to reinvent, repair, regenerate, reuse, reduce, and recycle. Let's all do this together. And also lead and support legislation like this.

**Rebecca Badeau**

Gorham, Maine

**Mary E Fogg Phd**

Gorham, Maine

**Joseph Gardner**

Gorham, Maine

**Ronald Graff**

Gorham, Maine

**Sean Hoskins**

Gorham, Maine

**Nancy Innes**

Gorham, Maine

**Isabelle Jackson**

Gorham, Maine

**Sarah Kasprzak**

Gorham, Maine

**Oksana Lane**

Gorham, Maine

*Comment:* Thanks! Good idea

**Robert Marsh**

Gorham, Maine

*Comment:* I want to help in any way possible to curb the amount of trash that gets incinerated by recycling all that I can. Everyone needs to recycle and conserve to save Our Planet. This Big Blue Marble is everyone's and everyone has to understand the importance of recycling.

**Rhonda Millett**

Gorham, Maine

**Barbara O'Brien**

Gorham, Maine

*Comment:* I'm a staunch believer in recycling & reducing dependence on plastics. Those beliefs guide my choices

whenever I make purchases or go into the voting booth. Manufacturers should always be encouraged to make & package their products in earth-friendly, responsible ways, & to embrace recycling like their business depended on it.

**Daniel Sanford**

Gorham, Maine

**Cynthia Simpson**

Gorham, Maine

**Celeste Mittelhauser**

Gouldsboro, Maine

**Marina Mooney**

Gouldsboro, Maine

**Elizabeth Moran**

Gouldsboro, Maine

**Penelope Tingle**

Gouldsboro, Maine

**Jacob (Jake) Austin**

Gray, Maine

**Jayne Chandler**

Gray, Maine

*Comment:* The makers who profit from the use of materials that need to be recycled should be the ones who pay for the cost of that recycling or find a material that does not need to be recycled.

**Krista Chappell**

Gray, Maine

**Noelle Forrest**

Gray, Maine

*Comment:* Description of the recycling reform should clearly indicate where the money the PRO uses to reimburse municipalities comes from.

**Louise Hinkley**

Gray, Maine

**Helena Ives**

Gray, Maine

**Abigail Mann**

Gray, Maine

*Comment:* Nothing will change until companies commit to using packaging materials that are both renewable, reusable, and easily as well as safely recycled.

**Rachel Lyn Rumson**

Gray, Maine

**Jan Strout**

Gray, Maine

**Michael Ward**

Gray, Maine

**Sydney Abramovich**

Greenbush, Maine

**Susan Allison**

Greene, Maine

**Jane Daugustine**

Greene, Maine

**Alissa Frechette**

Greene, Maine

**Jiy Stewart**

Greene, Maine

**Russell Stewart**

Greene, Maine

**Bruce Wood**

Greenville, Maine

*Comment:* Haven't we messed up this planet enough? With Amazon and Walmart increasing their shipping to your home it won't be too long before there are no trees left to make cardboard boxes which never seem to be recycled. Decades ago it was 'a paperless society'. Really? Why do we need all this packaging? It just increases the cost to the manufacturer and ultimately, us. I recycle everything that I possible can.

**Stacey Sandvoss**

Greenwood, Maine

**Donna Inglehart**

Guilford, Maine

**Nancy Bixler**

Hallowell, Maine

**Sylvie Charron**

Hallowell, Maine

*Comment:* As a member of the recycling committee for the city of Hallowell, Maine, I fully support a move to improve recycling options and make manufacturers more responsible for the trash and packaging they generate.

**Michael Hudak**

Hallowell, Maine

**Kelly Kennedy Yokoyama**

Hallowell, Maine

**Dale McCormick**

Hallowell, Maine

**Judith McKernan**

Hallowell, Maine

**NANCY MURRAY**

Hallowell, Maine

**Julie Olson**

Hallowell, Maine

**Sam Shain**

Hallowell, Maine

**Jane Swain**

Hallowell, Maine

**Tristan Taber**

Hallowell, Maine

**Emmie Theberge**

Hallowell, Maine

**Jean Adamson**

Hampden, Maine

*Comment:* Please help prevent wasteful packaging which will keep our environment clean. Reformed recycling will help reduce the burden on taxpayers.

**Arthur Benson**

Hampden, Maine

**Kelsey Conley**

Hampden, Maine

*Comment:* Our current recycling infrastructure is weak, it is entirely vulnerable to market value and thus puts an insane cost of \$16-17.5 million per year onto Maine taxpayers. This means that Maine consumers are bearing the burden twice over, they are buy the products and then paying for the end of life care of the packaging they came in. With market value for recyclable materials falling, Maine municipalities have been forced to decide between raising taxes or cutting recycling programs. Adopting an EPR for packaging bill would increase the accessibility of recycling to Mainers, strengthen the infrastructure of Maine's recycling programs, incentivize companies to establish more eco-friendly packaging, and divert waste from our landfills and incinerators, all without increasing the burden of cost on Mainers. EPR is the way of the world because it just makes sense and it is time for Maine to catch up.

**Stephen Estes**

Hampden, Maine

*Comment:* Long over due!!

**Wally Jakubas**

Hampden, Maine

*Comment:* All of the plastic we use for packaging should either be recyclable or biodegradable.

**William Lippincott**

Hampden, Maine

*Comment:* We need to reverse the trend of towns eliminating their recycling programs; it makes sense to address the source of the problem rather than put the burden on town's budgets.

**Tiffany McIntosh**  
Hampden, Maine

**Pamela Tremblay**  
hampden, Maine

**Kathryn Walsh**  
Hampden, Maine  
*Comment:* It's about time!

**Susan White**  
Hampden, Maine  
*Comment:* Maine was in the vanguard with our bottle bill-- let's maintain our leadership position by supporting recycling reform!

**Sam Bergman**  
Hancock, Maine

**Antonio Blasi**  
Hancock, Maine

**Mary C. Dillon**  
Hancock, Maine

**Bianka Fuksman**  
Hancock, Maine

**Barbara McClure**  
Hancock, Maine

**Cheryl Rubin**  
Hancock, Maine

**Irving Robinson**  
Hanover, Maine

**Lisa Jae**  
Harborside, Maine

**Maggie Strickland**  
Harmony, Maine

**John Berry**  
Harpwell, Maine

**Martha Burt**  
Harpwell, Maine

**Kara Douglas**  
Harpwell, Maine

**Hannah Dring**  
Harpwell, Maine

**Cheryl Golek**  
Harpwell, Maine

**harriette griffin**  
Harpwell, Maine  
*Comment:* This is a no-brainer.

**Bruce Macdougall**  
Harpwell, Maine

**Prescott McCurdy**  
Harpwell, Maine  
*Comment:* i AGREE

**Helen Norton**  
Harpwell, Maine  
*Comment:* How is it possible to reform recycling in Maine when the buyers and actual recyclers are unavailable. I am very much in favor of reforming how companies package their products. It is absolutely disgusting that in many instances the items in some packages I receive are minute in relation to the size of the container.

**Angelina Simmons**  
Harpwell, Maine

**Ann Standridge**  
Harpwell, Maine  
*Comment:* I think Maine needs to ban any materials that can't be recycled. Also I think our packaging needs to be simplified. I still see items in the stores that are wrapped and double wrapped when I don't think they need to be.

**Deirdre Strachan**  
Harpwell, Maine

**Burton Taylor**  
Harpwell, Maine

**Crystal Toothaker**  
Harpwell, Maine

**Katie Walter**  
Harpwell, Maine

**Brian Dyer Stewart**  
Harrington, Maine  
*Comment:* It's so basic to our existence. We must take this on.

**Pam Dyer-Stewart**  
Harrington, Maine  
*Comment:* This is URGENT!! Producers must take responsibility for the products they create and the cost of recycling. Consumers must participate in recycling efforts. Our environment depends on it. Reform recycling in Maine!!

**Gail Moorhouse**  
Harrington, Maine

**Mary Winchell**  
Harrington, Maine

**Albert Friend**  
Harrison, Maine

**John Krasowski**  
Harrison, Maine

**Emily Savard**  
Harrison, Maine

**Lily Turner**  
Harrison, Maine

**William Turner**  
Harrison, Maine  
*Comment:* Recycling all plastic is critical.

**Daniel McCaw**  
Hartland, Maine

**David Mahoney**  
Hebron, Maine

**Penelope Andrews**  
Hermon, Maine  
*Comment:* Dear Maine Lawmakers: Please to pass an “extended producer responsibility for packaging” law, a solution that is used world-wide to make corporations share in the cost of delivering recycling programs.

**Patricia Barber**  
Hiram, Maine  
*Comment:* We all want to do the best recycling we can. But now the rules have changed- you cant recycle plastic bags, certain plastics are or maybe are not recyclable, its so confusing. We also need to ban styrofoam and single use plastics NOW- dont use covid for an excuse. Back on track with the ban on plastic bags, styrofoam etc.

**Diane Fitzgerald**  
Hiram, Maine

**Andrew Bryan**  
Holden, Maine

**Linda D'Alessio**  
Holden, Maine

**Gabby Gammon**  
Holden, Maine

**Paul Halvachs**  
Holden, Maine  
*Comment:* Our town recently went from no-sort curbside recycling to no recycling at all. We have moved backwards about 20 years, if not more. It is heartbreaking to throw

plastics and tin cans into the weekly garbage collection. I subscribe to home delivery of the Bangor Daily News, but I may have to cancel this because I now have old papers piling sky-high, and have no idea what to do with them. I did not want to go on-line to view the paper, but feel there is not much choice.

**Ann Pedreschi**  
Holden, Maine

**Nancy Roberts**  
Holden, Maine

**Jeff Tague**  
Holden, Maine  
*Comment:* Holden is sending everything to the landfill until the fiber right facility comes online which has been delayed for over a year. Meanwhile, the recyclables are piling up in my basement waiting for the new facility to begin accepting all waste. Why can Bangor recycle, and all these other towns just throw their recyclables in the landfill? Shouldn't it cost less if they all pool together????

**Jackie Bubier**  
Hollis Center, Maine

**Michael Chapman**  
Hollis Center, Maine

**Alison Fisk**  
Hollis Center, Maine

**Doris Luther**  
Hollis Center, Maine

**Eric Manahan**  
Hollis Center, Maine

**Richard McGonagle**  
Hollis Center, Maine  
*Comment:* It not only needs to be maintained but expanded. It is vital to us as a species to find ways to recycle as much of our 'trash' as we possibly can.

**Alyson Flemming**  
Hope, Maine

**Willow Hall**  
Hope, Maine  
*Comment:* Because an economic incentive is essential for most reforms within a capitalist society, we need to shift the burden of the lifecycle cost of a product to the manufacturer. When disposal, as well as production of the product is factored into commercial price, the incentive to create durable products with minimal packaging will create an essential shift in stemming the flow of waste into our landfills and incinerators.



**Marcie Howard**

Hope, Maine

**Ron Smith**

Hope, Maine

**Shonna Davis**

Houlton, Maine

**Corinne Sternlieb**

Houlton, Maine

*Comment:* We need to admit to ourselves that this is a very crucial pressing problem. We can do this, we just need to put shoulders to wheel.

**Esther Anne**

Indian Island, Maine

*Comment:* Please pass an extended producer responsibility packaging law, make the corporations uphold their responsibility

**Kyle Lolar**

Indian Island, Maine

*Comment:* As a tribal citizen of the Penobscot Nation, my ancestors and elders have fought long and hard to keep the lands we today called Maine a healthy ecosystem. The time has come to put the responsibility of production packaging on those who create the items. With this pressure, these parties will begin a process of creating out of necessity. This then which will help your future generations including the tribal people who help those who came to these lands 500 years ago to now.

**Kim Roberts**

Industry, Maine

*Comment:* We are watching our local recycling and transfer stations become unable to accept/offer recycling. Unacceptable! Let's find a new solution together as a state!

**BARRY SMITH**

Island Falls, Maine

*Comment:* Recycle, recycle, and recycle please. Thank you.

**Daniels Ellis**

Isle au Haut, Maine

*Comment:* Island trash disposal is ever more complicated than mainland!

**Christine Hill**

Isle au Haut, Maine

**Marjorie Mills**

Islesboro, Maine

*Comment:* Let's do it right!

**Tom Tutor**

Islesboro, Maine

**Jacob Harding**

Jackson, Maine

**Mary Kaldenbaugh**

Jackson, Maine

*Comment:* We cannot abandon our good effort of recycling now. Please adopt a solution that calls on the world's producers to share in recycling. It makes human sense.

**Bruce Littlefield**

Jackson, Maine

**Susan Cassidy**

Jay, Maine

*Comment:* We must take control over wasteful behavior.

**Jayne Costa**

Jay, Maine

**Andrew Allen**

Jefferson, Maine

*Comment:* A similar requirement needs to be implemented requiring bulk mailers sending unsolicited postal mail to pay a fee toward recycling programs throughout the state, and to use only 100% recyclable paper content.

**Jennifer Brennan**

Jefferson, Maine

**Ryan Dennett**

Jefferson, Maine

**Carol Howell**

Jefferson, Maine

*Comment:* This is a very good place to start....a long term solution.

**Jon Olsen**

Jefferson, Maine

**Heather Geel**

Jonesboro, Maine

**Jennifer Prout**

Jonesboro, Maine

**John Burke**

Jonesport, Maine

*Comment:* Our publicly supported 'Dump' and recycling center (Pleasant River Solid Waste Transfer Station), in Columbia Falls, Maine ... needs support from the State to withstand the attack from a 'Private' company, that wants to put the public station 'out of business' ! If we can't get the support necessary for PRSWS to continue ... we'll have a 'for-profit' entity that will eventually raise the fees for garbage, as well as recycling ! Let's get the dump in gear, thank you !

**Lisa Noreen**  
Jonesport, Maine

**Janelle Edwards**  
Kenduskeag, Maine

**Nicholas Bartenhagen**  
Kennebunk, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling is vital to keep trash off our roadways and out of our water ways. Please work to make recycling more efficient and to reduce the burden on taxpayers. PLEASE work on solutions to make corporations share in the cost of delivering recycling programs. PLEASE pass an 'extended producer responsibility for packaging' law.

**Tom Berry**  
Kennebunk, Maine

*Comment:* For both environmental protection and economic reasons, we need to be able to effectively, efficiently, and economically recycle as much human-made material as possible. For far too long, companies have been able to create packaging and other materials that are difficult or impossible to recycle. The obvious result has been that they have never borne any part of the burden of paying for disposal of those materials once they have been used by the consumers who bought them from those same companies. They have, instead, gotten off 'scot-free'. Common sense of fairness demands that this must change.

**Mary Beth Brown**  
Kennebunk, Maine

*Comment:* Please consider the long term effects on our state and world if a comprehensive recycling program does not exist. Thank you

**Grace Cain**  
Kennebunk, Maine

**Samantha Chaves**  
Kennebunk, Maine

**Bruce Church**  
Kennebunk, Maine

**Catherine Clark**  
Kennebunk, Maine

*Comment:* let's work something out!!

**Anthony Dater**  
Kennebunk, Maine

*Comment:* 21st Century packaging engineering should and must develop packaging materials that bio-degrade at the same rate (or quicker) as corrugated cardboard and end up in the oceans, other waterbodies and composting facilities as physically, biologically and chemically benign as corrugated

cardboard. Ban any packaging that does not meet this standard.

**Lynn Domaschko**  
Kennebunk, Maine

**Jen Gironda**  
Kennebunk, Maine

**Bill Grabin**  
Kennebunk, Maine

**Andrea Kimmich**  
Kennebunk, Maine

*Comment:* What fantastic news! Sensible and sorely needed! We will never be able to keep up with the waste we're currently producing - both in terms of kind (plastics/synthetics) as well as the levels it's currently being produced. And there's no excuse for not reaping the benefits of food waste - which is so easily converted into compost. Best is to make producers - those profiting from production - take responsibility for their product's end-game ala cradle-to-grave design/planning. In the future to obtain any patent, the plan for that product's eventual disposal should be a required criteria. Thanks for moving forward on this!~.

**Angela Leblanc**  
Kennebunk, Maine

**Jolene Lemelin**  
Kennebunk, Maine

**Rachel Mann**  
Kennebunk, Maine

**Dana Michaud**  
Kennebunk, Maine

**Claudette Midgley**  
Kennebunk, Maine

*Comment:* We need to double our efforts on recycling and concentrate on illuminating plastics from the environment

**Doug Quist**  
Kennebunk, Maine

**Carlena Smith**  
Kennebunk, Maine

**Michael Thomas**  
Kennebunk, Maine

**Jean Thompson**  
Kennebunk, Maine

*Comment:* It upsets me to think I might not be able to recycle things the way I do now. It seems like a big step backwards. Why have we been sending our recyclables half-way around the globe anyway? Can't we handle these materials here?

And, yes, why are manufacturers packaging things in the wasteful ways they do? We need to change all this to reverse the damage we are doing now.

**Karen Tolstrup**

Kennebunk, Maine

*Comment:* I want to recycle every scrap of paper, plastic and cardboard. I do my best, but more must be done. This is a good place to start kt

**Janice Vance**

Kennebunk, Maine

**Kris White**

Kennebunk, Maine

*Comment:* So needed!

**Danika Whitehouse**

Kennebunk, Maine

*Comment:* If we have learned anything from this recent crisis, it is that our failure to prepare has consequences. We have already missed that opportunity and now it is about mitigation and CHANGE. Put the onus on the companies to be better global citizens!

**Julie Allen**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Jennifer Armstrong**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Gregory Burke**

Kennebunkport, Maine

*Comment:* We do need to save our planet.

**Jane Card**

Kennebunkport, Maine

*Comment:* Responsible recycling is not a luxury. It is a necessity for the health of our planet, ourselves, our children and our children's children. It can only be achieved when everyone is involved. It's time for the corporate community to step up and embrace this imperative in Maine and beyond.

**Herb Cohen**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Alyson Daniels**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Denise DesChenes**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Pat Dufosse**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Jon Dykstra**

Kennebunkport, Maine

*Comment:* Reduce, reuse and recycle! Industry must be

convinced to join and enable these efforts. Financial incentives / penalties is the only way.

**Harvey Flashen**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Mary Giknis**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Ashley Gouzie**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Susan Graham**

Kennebunkport, Maine

*Comment:* Thank you for initiating this legislation

**Bethe Hagens**

Kennebunkport, Maine

*Comment:* We are in a perfect position as a state to do this now, to make our state a model in immigration policy implementation, social justice, sustainable futures, employment in meaningful work, and investment here in our (hopefully) increasingly green and 'live and let live' heritage.

**Anneliese Hall**

Kennebunkport, Maine

*Comment:* If nothing is done by the manufacturer, I will unpack my plastic wrapped items at the store and leave the packaging for the store to dispense with it.

**Edward Hall**

Kennebunkport, Maine

*Comment:* Count me in.

**Waylon Holbrook**

Kennebunkport, Maine

*Comment:* Time to evolve

**Martha Huestis**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**David James**

Kennebunkport, Maine

*Comment:* Strongly support!

**Jenne James**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Lisanne James**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Liz Johnson**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Audrey Lakin**

Kennebunkport, Maine

*Comment:* Urging our elected representatives to take action!

**Paul Lakin**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Larry Landau**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Lisa Lewis**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Betsy Longstreth**

Kennebunkport, Maine

*Comment:* It is imperative that Maine continue to recycle. Please pass an 'extended producer responsibility for packaging' law. Betsy Longstreth

**George Longstreth**

Kennebunkport, Maine

*Comment:* Pass the extended producer responsibility for packaging law. It is absolutely necessary to maintain the viability of the environment

**Carole Madden**

Kennebunkport, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling is a MUST!! Don't ignore it, please!!!!

**David Manyan**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Thomas McClain**

Kennebunkport, Maine

*Comment:* With oil prices so low, plastic producers have every incentive to produce more and more. Having them share the cost of disposal is an incentive to be more creative and responsible for our planet.

**Melissa McDougald**

Kennebunkport, Maine

*Comment:* We are the Hope !

**Robert Mills**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Bedelia Moran**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Christopher Moulton**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Judith Phillips**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Nicholas Phillips**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Patricia Prevet**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Jennifer Raymond**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Barbara Ripton**

Kennebunkport, Maine

*Comment:* We need to keep recycling. We live next to the ocean and many of us work in ocean related endeavors-fishing, etc. makes no sense to discontinue and we must guarantee that are recyclables are actually being recycled.

**Gail Roller**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Nick Sampson**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Barrie Schultheis**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Sarah Senning**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Carolyn Sherman**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Beverley Soule**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Keith Truesdale**

Kennebunkport, Maine

*Comment:* We must not abandon recycling We must not stop curbside recycling We must be good stewards of this planet We must all work together

**Rick Wakeland**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Cameron Wilson**

Kennebunkport, Maine

**Jake Cockrell**

Kents Hill, Maine

**Allyn Bain**

Kingfield, Maine

**Joanna Buffum**

Kingfield, Maine

*Comment:* I hate not being able to recycle glass!

**Jane Deely**

Kingfield, Maine

**Axelle Dervisevic**

Kingfield, Maine

**Ashley Hopwood Farrar**

Kingfield, Maine

**Sandra Jamison**

Kingfield, Maine

**Polly Macmichael**  
Kingfield, Maine

**Joan Meldrum**  
Kingfield, Maine

**Thomas Sinitski**  
Kingfield, Maine

**Todd Towle**  
Kingfield, Maine

**Marjorie Trenholm**  
Kingfield, Maine

**Annie Twitchell**  
Kingfield, Maine

**Gabrielle Bertrand**  
Kittery, Maine

*Comment:* This proposed idea enables all of us to finally end our unwilling participation in this extremely faulty, yet politically endorsed, system. In a world that is overwhelmed with problems, THIS is something we can change today. For our kids, for our future, and for the home we all call Earth.

**Jen Cleary**  
Kittery, Maine

*Comment:* I am a voter and live in Kittery. I am very concerned with the current administration and look to my state to make the appropriate changes to keep our oceans and land sustainable and free from plastics.

**Celeste Coughlin**  
Kittery, Maine

**Arilda Densch**  
Kittery, Maine

*Comment:* Long overdue, and it will make things much easier & less costly for consumers, companies and the environment once it's organized and in place. Thank you for asking me to sign!

**Jennifer Freeman**  
Kittery, Maine

**Emily Hennessy**  
Kittery, Maine

**John Higgins**  
Kittery, Maine

**Rebecca Hoffman**  
Kittery, Maine

**Gary Mitchell**  
Kittery, Maine

**Betty Olivolo**  
Kittery, Maine

**Katherine Peternell**  
Kittery, Maine

**Cheria Rollins**  
Kittery, Maine

**Jennifer Seavey**  
Kittery, Maine

**John Seedner**  
Kittery, Maine

**John Werner**  
Kittery, Maine

*Comment:* THE WORLD IS BEING COVERED BY PLASTICS - THE FOSSIL FUEL CORPORATIONS ARE WORKING ON SIGNIFICANTLY GROWING THE USE OF PLASTICS ACROSS THE WORLD BY CONTINUING TO DRILL, FRACK AN PUMP METHANE GAS.

**Alice White**  
Kittery, Maine

*Comment:* We are 185 residents aged 65-90 who live in Kittery Maine with NO PLACE TO RECYCLE. HELP!!!!!!

**Galen Beale**  
Kittery Point, Maine

**Peter Motson**  
Kittery Point, Maine

**Melissa Paly**  
Kittery Point, Maine

**Jerry Robock**  
Kittery Point, Maine

*Comment:* We all need to learn to buy products with less packaging but the manufacturers and retailers need to take back this packaging and reuse or recycle it responsibly.

**Jonah Seedner**  
Kittery Point, Maine

*Comment:* I would love to see a bill passed requiring business to have recycling bins. It amazes me how many businesses have trash bins but no where to properly dispose of bottles ect.

**Judy Spiller**  
Kittery Point, Maine

**Patricia Tobey**  
Kittery Point, Maine

**Margie Shannon**  
Knox, Maine

*Comment:* We reduce, compost, sort and recycle all we can,

and have done so forever! This Recycling Reform sounds like an excellent project. Our house has a Heat Recovery Ventilation system that came from the Netherlands. The information booklet tells one to contact the 'supplier' about what to do to be sure it is recycled at the end of its useful life.

**D. Gordon Mott**

Lakeville, Maine

*Comment:* A critically important effort!

**Cynthia Fontneau**

Lebanon, Maine

**Steve Fontneau**

Lebanon, Maine

**Gina Gutman**

Lebanon, Maine

*Comment:* Very important for us to do.

**Regina Lang**

Lebanon, Maine

**Eileen Coyne**

Leeds, Maine

*Comment:* I'd love to see manufacturers held responsible for the trash/plastic they generate. The styrofoam trays in the supermarket are appalling now that everyone knows they are not recyclable. E.C.

**Richard Fochtman**

Leeds, Maine

*Comment:* It's time to go back to paper, putting Maine's loggers to work, while encouraging the use of shopper's own reusable bags.

**Anne Sites**

Leeds, Maine

**Paul Baribault**

Lewiston, Maine

**Ronald Barry**

Lewiston, Maine

**Peggy Beck**

Lewiston, Maine

**Gregory D'Augustine**

Lewiston, Maine

*Comment:* Unless someone comes up with a better method of reducing plastic packaging, and encouraging recycling of what's left, this concept seems sensible.

**Eve Duplissis**

Lewiston, Maine

**James Handy**

Lewiston, Maine

**Carly Harris**

Lewiston, Maine

**Kevin McGrory**

Lewiston, Maine

**Helen Price-Wharff**

Lewiston, Maine

**John Smedley**

Lewiston, Maine

**Anne Trapp**

Lewiston, Maine

**Ted Walworth**

Lewiston, Maine

**Hermione Zhou**

Lewiston, Maine

**Elise Brown**

Liberty, Maine

**Bob Kohl**

Liberty, Maine

**Gil Harris**

Limerick, Maine

*Comment:* As a resident and local office holder, I strongly support recycling. I agree that packaging is one of the primary sources of waste. Industry needs to be accountable and supportive of efforts to reduce waste that is filling our landfills and polluting our environment.

**Irena Wroten**

Limerick, Maine

*Comment:* Please let this pass. Having more options to recycle, more accepted and hopefully having others entirely rethink how they package our food would be amazing! Small changes caj greatly impact us over time.

**Wanda Whitten**

Limington, Maine

**Patricia Burke**

Lincoln, Maine

**Josh Gerritsen**

Lincolnton, Maine

**Jane Hardy**

Lincolnton, Maine

**David McLean**

Lincolnton, Maine

**Rachel Olsen**

Lincolntonville, Maine

*Comment:* This is a problem that can be solved! Organizations like Upstream Solutions (<https://www.upstreamsolutions.org/>) are helping towns and businesses find innovative and cost-effective solutions to disposables elsewhere and Maine could be at the forefront of much-needed reform. Please look outside the box and let's find alternatives that benefit all of us.

**Christopher Osgood**

Lincolntonville, Maine

**Julia Raite**

Lincolntonville, Maine

*Comment:* I'm a dedicated recycler and I think businesses and legislators in Maine need to join in and do their part too.

**antje roitzsch**

Lincolntonville, Maine

**Diana Sanderson**

Lincolntonville, Maine

**Robert Sewall**

Lincolntonville, Maine

*Comment:* We need recycling!

**Carole Snyder**

Lincolntonville, Maine

*Comment:* I am in favor of improving our recycling process .

**Lynn Tauss**

Lincolntonville, Maine

*Comment:* It is imperative to recycle all metals and papers. There needs to be a better system set up for recycling plastics where it is cost-effective and easy to do. Triple washing plastic jars and shipping them miles and miles away and then not having them actually turned into anything else it's pointless.

**Jana Timchak**

Lincolntonville, Maine

*Comment:* I felt sick to my stomach, bagging up all my recycling and then through it into the garbage dumpster. We should have our own recycling facilities in the US not in China- and own and take care of our own stuff! Find a way to take care of our own recycling so that it's good for humanity and our Earth and our children.

**Brian Veditz**

Lincolntonville, Maine

*Comment:* Maine (and the nation) needs more environmentally friendly product packaging and recycling efforts.

**Doreen Mann**

Lisbon, Maine

**Natalie Thomsen**

Lisbon, Maine

**Kyle McCaskill**

Lisbon Falls, Maine

**Craig Bowley**

Litchfield, Maine

**Rick Diamond**

Litchfield, Maine

*Comment:* This is important!

**Peggy Mascher**

Litchfield, Maine

*Comment:* Absolutely!

**Robin Stevens**

Litchfield, Maine

**Jeff Titon**

Little Deer Isle, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling, especially of plastic, is critical for the future of the environment that sustains us. If we can pressure manufacturers to reduce plastic in their packaging that will go a long way toward making a difference. I believe this is one of the most important things we can do for a sensible future.

**Doug Wilson**

Little Deer Isle, Maine

**Sharri Venno**

Littleton, Maine

*Comment:* Engaging manufacturers in the process of managing the materials generated from their products and packaging is long overdue and a necessary part of developing a cradle to grave (or cradle if we are serious about recycling) management system.

**Jonnie Maloney**

Livermore, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling is very important to me, and lots of other folks, as well as the planet! Please keep recycling alive and well, and accessible to all!

**Carol Corkran**

Livermore Falls, Maine

*Comment:* We as consumers and taxpayers can only do so much. Producers need this incentive to value the full cycle of their products.

**Elizabeth Como**

Lovell, Maine

**Eric Gulbrandsen**

Lovell, Maine

*Comment:* Time to bring new industry and jobs to Maine. Unfortunately we are behind the curve compared to some

countries. We need to change our mentality and increase innovation. Dirigo, lead not follow.

**Phoebe Monteith**

Lovell, Maine

**Renee Gray**

Lubec, Maine

**Kara McCrimmon**

Lubec, Maine

*Comment:* We need packaging that can be readily recycled, and we need markets for those recyclable materials close to home. We also need to change our practices so that we use less packaging to begin with. I've stopped buying yogurt because I can't recycle number 5 plastic, and that hurts regional dairy farmers, as an example. We can do better.

**Gabriela Montoya-Eyerman**

Lubec, Maine

**Judee Reel**

Lubec, Maine

*Comment:* There are lots of alternatives to oil-based plastic and we need to require them for everything immediately. If we are going to pay extra for garbage and/or recycling, not to mention the destruction of our planet and our health, why not pay extra for bio-degradeable packaging--or truly recyclable containers, like glass? I am not too young to remember before all this plastic took over our world. We got along without it just fine.

**Denise Rule**

Lubec, Maine

*Comment:* We are a tiny town and have been supporting a recycling program since 1990 - we are proud of our efforts, but each year it becomes a bit more difficult to justify the cost. This bill would provide a welcome financial relief and stimulate an even better local program.

**George Davenport**

Lyman, Maine

*Comment:* I've recycled wherever I've lived for the last 20+ years. It's a shame that corporate greed is defeating this effort. I would propose shifting the burden on corporate America by penalizing the shareholders of corporations that do not use recyclable packaging.

**Jeffrey Floyd**

Lyman, Maine

**Amanda Hanscom**

Machias, Maine

**Terry Henderson**

Machias, Maine

*Comment:* we shouldn't be dependent on other countries to

recycle the waste from products Americans buy. We should develop recycling plants throughout the country. I feel terrible throwing glass, cardboard & plastic back in the landfills. Perhaps if we assumed responsibility for our own trash we could stop blaming other countries, like China, who won't accept our dirty recyclables that Americans can't even sort properly. Education & new facilities, markets & rewards can turn this around into good stewardship, not too mention the relief on an all stressed at risk eco system.

**Nancy Lewis**

Machias, Maine

**Tara Librizzi**

Machias, Maine

**Tessa Mellas**

Machiasport, Maine

**Billie Rose Newby**

Machiasport, Maine

**Anne Pennell**

Machiasport, Maine

*Comment:* We need better Recycling badly in Maine

**Greg Dustin**

Madison, Maine

**Cliftine Fortin**

Madison, Maine

**Doe Fourcaudot**

Madison, Maine

**Anna Plog**

Madrid Twp, Maine

**Caden Brown**

Manchester, Maine

**Daisy Dore**

Manchester, Maine

**April Gay**

Manchester, Maine

*Comment:* This is EXACTLY the kind of change we need to see. Consummables should be designed to be REUSED and REPURPOSED, not disposable. The materials that go into manufacturing products consumed in our state and country should be organic based and biodegradable. Corporations should be held accountable for the effect of their manufacturing on the environment. The profit won't matter if we don't have clean air to breath and clean water to drink!

**William Hawksley**

Manchester, Maine

*Comment:* I want the opportunity to vote against the CMP



corridor. Also I suggest the NRCM publish an answer to the CMP lies. Their add shows black smoke coming from a tall chimney. The Mass. electricity never touches Maine. Question: How much money does CMP get each year for allowing electricity to pass through CMP's corridor?

**Garry Hinkley**  
Manchester, Maine

**Sara Kingdon**  
Manchester, Maine

**Rondi Nelson**  
Manchester, Maine

**Joshua Panek**  
Manchester, Maine

**Elizabeth Pollock**  
Manchester, Maine

**Jean-Luc Theriault**  
Manchester, Maine

**Patricia Lynn Eldershaw**  
Mapleton, Maine  
*Comment:* Aroostook County has a poor track record with recycling and recently has cut back on accepting for recycling glass and several commonly used plastic items. Less than 10% of plastics are recycled and most end up in landfills, are incinerated or discarded. More than 1/2 of these plastics are single use items. I have written to local retailers to request stopping single use plastic shopping bags but have been declined despite numerous studies demonstrating they can spread the virus and live on surfaces up to 3 days. Plastics are enormous environmental and wildlife threat. The European union has voted to ban single use plastic items and put in place 'polluter pays' measures to pressure manufactures to develop alternate or zero packaging. There are sustainable alternatives. We just need to have the will to use them.

**Mark Brown**  
Marshfield, Maine

**Harlan Gardner**  
Marshfield, Maine  
*Comment:* There's way too much plastic everywhere. You can't buy groceries without bringing home gobs of plastic.

**Joanne Emery**  
Medway, Maine

**John Hafford**  
Medway, Maine  
*Comment:* We need to wake up to the impact of all this stuff on our planet. We need sensible policy on all kinds of fronts - let's get to work!

**Christiaan Beeuwkes**  
Mercer, Maine  
*Comment:* Just as with the very successful bottle deposit here in Maine that helps to keep our environment free of this litter, it seems logical that every product should have its recycling cost built into its price...

**Daria Johnson**  
Mexico, Maine

**Alexandra Alsop**  
Milbridge, Maine

**Anne Arnold**  
Milbridge, Maine

**Suzanne Brown**  
Milbridge, Maine

**Joanne Halpin**  
Milbridge, Maine

**Eila Lang**  
Milbridge, Maine

**Erin Sio**  
Milbridge, Maine

**Gail Tooker**  
Milbridge, Maine  
*Comment:* I have been recycling for over 40 years so it broke my heart when my town (Milbridge) recently stopped its recycling program (because of the cost, they said). I am now considering paying to have our recyclables sent to the Coastal Resources of Maine facility in Hampden, but I am wondering about them. Do you recommend them? Are they 'legit'? My husband thinks they could be a scam. I fully support your efforts to get manufacturers to pay for at least some of the costs associated with dealing with their packaging.

**Danielle Woerner**  
Milbridge, Maine  
*Comment:* I'm very much interested in this issue. As a reporter, I covered it in some depth in our local newspaper when the western Washington County ME programs ended. As a human, I find it frustrating and sad to be throwing everything but corrugated cardboard into the trash, after we've all been trained for decades to handle recyclable household waste in more responsible ways.

**Pamela Bell**  
Milford, Maine  
*Comment:* Keep recycling working.

**Anthony Guay**  
Milford, Maine  
*Comment:* I support legislative reform for a strong, cost-

effective recycling program for Maine by adopting a solution that is used around the world to make corporations share in the cost of delivering recycling programs.

**Constance McManus**  
Millinocket, Maine

**Joyce Smith**  
Millinocket, Maine

**Paula Copeland**  
Milo, Maine

**Nancy Harrigan**  
Milo, Maine

**Lisa Graves**  
Minot, Maine

**Nancy Donker**  
Monmouth, Maine

**leonardo gonell**  
Monmouth, Maine

**Julie Retelle**  
Monmouth, Maine

**Rebecca Stanley**  
Monmouth, Maine

**Breanna Milliken**  
Monroe, Maine

**Joan Bromage**  
Mount Desert, Maine

*Comment:* We were so happy when we could recycle all paper/cardboard/most plastics/glass etc. Now it is much harder to figure what is recyclable, and much less plastic and various papers can be saved. It breaks my heart to have to throw things in the trash! And to buy items I need which have too much packaging in the first place!

**Philip Lichtenstein**  
Mount Desert, Maine

**Carl Little**  
Mount Desert, Maine

**Alexandra Dube**  
Mount Vernon, Maine

**Melissa Romic**  
Mount Vernon, Maine  
*Comment:* Please support recycling reform for Maine now! In the last year, recycling in my community has been cut back and changed considerably. I now have to throw some items in the trash that formerly were recycled and I hate to do that!

**Elizabeth Trehu**  
Mount Vernon, Maine  
*Comment:* Our town can no longer recycle glass because there is nowhere to send it!

**Sandra Wright**  
Mount Vernon, Maine

**Deborah Bastian**  
New Gloucester, Maine

**Anthony Castro**  
New Gloucester, Maine

**Denise D'Amboise**  
New Gloucester, Maine

**Tom Halstead**  
New Gloucester, Maine

**Christine Huot**  
New Gloucester, Maine

**Peter Jederlin**  
New Gloucester, Maine

*Comment:* Lax laws and enforcement of the ones that do exist are the reason for the catastrophic contamination of our state and country, other places and in particular the oceans of the world and this needs to be corrected as it is as important as climate change

**Mary Beth Johnson**  
New Gloucester, Maine  
*Comment:* Thank you for all of your efforts.

**Lenore Sivilich**  
New Gloucester, Maine

**Douglas Smith**  
New Gloucester, Maine

**Kathryn Armstrong**  
New Harbor, Maine

**David Bilski**  
New Harbor, Maine

**Michelle Henkin**  
New Harbor, Maine

**Jonathan LeVeen**  
New Harbor, Maine  
*Comment:* Currently in my town, Bristol, I can only recycle #2 plastic. But most of the containers I buy are #5. It's a shame. And, now, many products that used to come in glass, now come in plastic containers -- yes -- #5 plastic. I do plan on contacting the manufacturers -- and thank you for undertaking this.

**Jill Linzee**

New Harbor, Maine

*Comment:* This is critically important to save our planet!

**Linda Shaffer**

New Harbor, Maine

*Comment:* Please help Maine communities address the waste management mess that we're all in. The way to deal with the mess is to make companies who create wasteful and non-recyclable/reusable packaging and products find other solutions for their products. Thank you.

**Anne Winchester**

New Harbor, Maine

*Comment:* Please help us with the growing burden on our landfills. The amount of plastics going into our landfills is upsetting and harmful, never mind expensive. Corporations need to be held responsible for the packaging they produce. Please require that they pitch in to reduce this growing financial and environmental burden through 1) environmentally responsible packaging and 2) efficient and effective recycling programs. Thank you for understanding the importance of this matter.

**John Winchester**

New Harbor, Maine

**Karen Bessey Pease**

New Portland, Maine

**Kim Craig**

New Portland, Maine

**Stephen Gorr**

New Portland, Maine

**Staci Thompson**

New Portland, Maine

**Eileen Almy**

New Sharon, Maine

**Debra Kinney-Dearden**

New Sharon, Maine

**Victoria Sears-Gordon**

New Sharon, Maine

**Jean Stewart**

New Sharon, Maine

**Kate Weatherby**

New Sharon, Maine

**Darryl Wood**

New Sharon, Maine

**Nancy Adams**

Newcastle, Maine

**Chelsea Bowers**

Newcastle, Maine

**Tatiana Brailovskaya**

Newcastle, Maine

*Comment:* Maine's reputation as a state that values its environment has long been a hallmark of our identity and is a model for others. Given the increasingly critical environmental issues facing our society today, implementing effective and responsible policy for packaging and recycling in our state must become a key priority for all of us. We need meaningful action now. There is no reason to delay.

**Hannah McGhee**

Newcastle, Maine

**David Miller**

Newcastle, Maine

**Bill Mook**

Newcastle, Maine

**Karen Mook**

Newcastle, Maine

*Comment:* Establishing trusted recycling in Maine and the US is essential!

**Robert Nelson**

Newcastle, Maine

*Comment:* This is long overdue. Consumers are making great efforts to reduce plastic and recycle when we can. We need the producers of packaging to step up and take responsibility for creating excess packaging.

**Julia O'Brien-Merrill**

Newcastle, Maine

**Jeanne Thompson**

Newcastle, Maine

*Comment:* The health of our state, country and world depends on our pro- recycling actions. Please act!!!

**Mariellen Whelan**

Newcastle, Maine

**Alivia Moore**

Newport, Maine

**Nancy Babcock**

Newry, Maine

**Iris Roberts**

Newry, Maine

*Comment:* Yes, first, pressure on manufacturers of food and care products to only send bio-degradable packaging to Maine.

Then, we need innovative ways to reuse the products we already have in the State encase them in insulation or concrete in some ways that would render them inert (if that's possible micro plastic particles rained down onto Colorado, recently). Maine certainly does not want more plastics in the oceans to harm our seafood, we already have too much. This evidence is not hard to find. Maine should immediately become a leader in this effort!!!

**Suzanne Hedrick**

Nobleboro, Maine

*Comment:* I have been recycling and composting for years. I intend to keep doing so

**Carol Knapp**

Nobleboro, Maine

*Comment:* Residents of Maine have been learning what to recycle and have been participating in increasing numbers. It has become extremely frustrating to realize that many of the items we were recycling are no longer accepted by the transfer station and are instead going to the landfill! Even when we are trying to avoid purchasing items in non-recyclable packaging, it seems like an insurmountable task. It is important that the State reform recycling.

**Judy Linker**

Nobleboro, Maine

*Comment:* About time!

**Dewey Meter**

Nobleboro, Maine

*Comment:* We definitely need recycling reform, especially reducing plastics.

**Lynn Plumb**

Nobleboro, Maine

**Matthew Silverman**

Nobleboro, Maine

**JB Smith**

Nobleboro, Maine

*Comment:* It's time that both manufacturing and retail share the burden of waste disposal and recycling

**Helen Balgooyen**

Norridgewock, Maine

*Comment:* I think the Zero Sort recycling is a poor idea. I see so much wish-cycling that contaminates the whole lot. Lets go back to separate bins for paper, glass, cans, and plastics. I think whole batches might be less likely to end up in the landfill.

**Helen Balgooyen**

Norridgewock, Maine

**Marla Bottesch**

Norridgewock, Maine

*Comment:* Incentivize and promote food-waste composting - make it easy and profitable, in some way, for people.

**Matthew Crane**

Norridgewock, Maine

**Renee Emery**

North Anson, Maine

**Patricia Cluff**

North Berwick, Maine

**Benjamin Utter**

North Berwick, Maine

**Zeb Campbell**

North Haven, Maine

**Beth Lamont**

North Haven, Maine

*Comment:* Being semi-bicoastal between Maine and California, I want our entire system to change so that we're not all unavoidably contributing to this overwhelming problem even when we try to do the right thing.

**Moe Beaulieu**

North Monmouth, Maine

**David Libby**

North Monmouth, Maine

*Comment:* Companies using plastic packaging should be stopped. Much of the so called recycling is just putting more plastic in dumps and water around the world. Air, water, soil, and food are all being poisoned by plastic.

**Rosalind Waldron**

North Vassalboro, Maine

**Suzanne Aubrey**

North Yarmouth, Maine

*Comment:* Please take action to get recycling in more towns. I realize this is easier said than done, but I know collectively your brilliant minds can come up with a solution... hopefully sooner rather than later. Thank you. Suzanne

**Mandy Ball**

North Yarmouth, Maine

*Comment:* We need to get the manufacturers on board, at the very least with truth in labeling, and better use of truly recyclable materials.

**Chris Cabot**

North Yarmouth, Maine

**Kathleen Conrad**

North Yarmouth, Maine

*Comment:* Far more responsibility for recyclable packaging should be on manufacturers!!!

**Eliza Dorsey**

North Yarmouth, Maine

**Amy Eshoo**

North Yarmouth, Maine

**Sandra Falsey**

North Yarmouth, Maine

**Sarah Fitzpatrick**

North Yarmouth, Maine

**Stephen Fournier**

North Yarmouth, Maine

*Comment:* It is time to make the producers of the products we use become more responsible in their packaging.. Europe is way ahead of us in what they can and do recycle. Our efforts to make a huge difference in the waste stream hinge on significantly better recyclable packaging. Help us help the planet, save resources and the environment. Thanks.

**Polly Grindle**

North Yarmouth, Maine

*Comment:* For years I have been a vigilant recycler, checking for the chasing arrows and numbers imprinted on plastic and washing it all very thoroughly. I have used cloth bags for years. I buy dairy products from a local dairy and return the glass bottles to them. I reduced my trash as much as possible and had a much larger volume of clean recyclables. Then I kept reading about how much stuff was not recycled, but instead was foisted on poor countries and ended up polluting their lands and the ocean. Styrofoam is something I try very hard to avoid and it's almost an impossibility to do so when purchasing meat. I am old enough to remember when waxed paper, butcher paper and paper meat trays were used instead of plastics. Our family of seven had far less trash in the 1950's than my family of three has today. I am so tired of all the plastic wrapping to fight my way through just to get to the product. I do not want all this plastic waste and I feel guilty about my contribution to it.

**Martha Leggat**

North Yarmouth, Maine

*Comment:* I encourage Maine to reform recycling in passing an extended producer responsibility for packaging law. Thanks for your considerations!

**Alexander Rose**

North Yarmouth, Maine

**Michelle Wainer**

North Yarmouth, Maine

*Comment:* Please support recycling reform in Maine as well as

widen the span of acceptable recyclable items. We must also educate people on what is truly recyclable. Let's keep Maine and our planet clean or there will be no turning back. Thank you!

**Maria Thompson**

Northeast Harbor, Maine

*Comment:* I support this especially because it incentivizes Corporations to produce less waste and waste that can be recycled. Tax the corporations (federally not just state) and watch how fast they change!

**Judy Berk**

Northport, Maine

*Comment:* Great idea. Thank you

**Shelley Fein**

Northport, Maine

**Steven Fein**

Northport, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling starts with the product not the dump.

**Karen Gleeson**

Northport, Maine

*Comment:* I've been on the Recycling Committee for my township -- Northport -- and we managed to 'save' recycling in our town. But it is barely good enough, and we're having to pay out \$\$ to continue. Additionally, the carter quite reasonably lets us know that his diesel fuel is not doing the environment any favors getting our stuff down to the Portland area so as continue our recycling system. This calls into question whether this is really worth it. We need much better answers for our waste systems.

**Angela Maniak**

Northport, Maine

**Paul Sheridan**

Northport, Maine

*Comment:* Problem needs to be directed at the source--the manufacturers and packagers. Choose one or two obvious and blatant offenders, say the plastic 50ml 'nips' of liquor and impose a \$5.00 (yes, five full dollars!) deposit on each of those bottles. That is just a start....

**Jennifer Angelone**

Norway, Maine

**Eliza Beghe**

Norway, Maine

**Zachary Bell**

Norway, Maine

**Jess Cooper**

Norway, Maine

**Alice Goodwin**  
Norway, Maine

**Becky Kaurup**  
Norway, Maine

**Peter Kaurup**  
Norway, Maine

*Comment:* It is so frustrating that we are only recycling #2 out of all the plastics that we dispose of at our local Norway/Paris Transfer Station.

**Sarah Kearsley**  
Norway, Maine

**Nikki Millonzi**  
Norway, Maine  
*Comment:* So important!

**Ian Trundy**  
Norway, Maine

**Pat Berger**  
Oakland, Maine

**Robyn Deveney**  
Oakland, Maine  
*Comment:* Obviously, something needs to change. Australia is one country leading the way in innovative solutions:  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/12/world/australia/recycling-plastic-trash.html>

**Frank Engert**  
Oakland, Maine

**Lauren Veneel**  
Oakland, Maine

**Molly Woodward**  
Oakland, Maine

**Kristin Cleary**  
Ogunquit, Maine

**John Fusco**  
Ogunquit, Maine  
*Comment:* As manager of the transfer station in Ogunquit I am at the bottom of the waste stream and I know how disturbed this community is by the changes in the waste industry. The citizens and businesses of this town have always done their part to recycle and it seems unfair that the increased costs are bottom weighted to the towns. It seems only fair that those who create the unavoidable packaging/waste should pay a portion of the cost to dispose of it.

**Robin Millward**  
Ogunquit, Maine  
*Comment:* In the town where I live, paper is no longer

recycled and only plastics marked 1 or 2 which have a screwtop or are a jug are accepted. I specifically chose my calcium pills because the packaging seemed to be compliant but the empty bottle was rejected because it was green translucent plastic even though it was marked 2 and had a screw top. It's really frustrating to be contributing to the land fill against my better judgement!

**Theresa Neill**  
Ogunquit, Maine

**Jake Roche**  
Ogunquit, Maine  
*Comment:* Sad that we can no longer recycle plastic #5 anymore, or paper, in Ogunquit. As a state, we should be getting better at recycling, not going backwards.

**Vanessa Berry**  
Old Orchard Beach, Maine  
*Comment:* Producers should share responsibility for funding the end-of-life of packaging they bring into the Maine market. Please support legislation that reduces the strain on Maine's municipalities to fund the disposal of packaging and promotes better use of the current recycling systems in place to meet its recycling goals. Maine has the opportunity to show its strength and lead the way for the rest of the country as we encourage the use of better alternatives and prevent our children from dealing with more landfills.

**Andrea Farrow**  
Old Orchard Beach, Maine  
*Comment:* To recycle plastic bags is so important but most places do not offer the option.

**Joseph Heath**  
Old Orchard Beach, Maine  
*Comment:* Hey! Fix it! Thanks! Is there an option to make the people that create the garbage pay for this? Lets do that. Hs and ks

**Lynda Hinds**  
Old Orchard Beach, Maine

**Nicole Nelson**  
Old Orchard Beach, Maine

**Dave Shirley**  
Old Orchard Beach, Maine

**Tami Connolly**  
Old Town, Maine

**Brendan Fahey**  
Old Town, Maine  
*Comment:* I agree with this effort. We are encouraged to recycle, but many products we buy are packaged in plastics, etc that are not recyclable. This is wrong and the

manufacturer should be obligated to use packaging product that can be recycled. Manufacturers have misled consumers for long time with recycle symbols and small statements on their packaging saying the packaging was made with 10% recycled materials (only 10%), but the packaging material itself can not be recycled. I know most consumers are unaware that they are buying products with packaging that can not be recycled. We need to change that mindset. More importantly, we need to force the manufacturer to use packaging that will be 100% recyclable. Thank you for your time.

**Jeannine Hashey**  
Old Town, Maine

**Mac Heins**  
Old Town, Maine

**Dianne Kopec**  
Old Town, Maine

*Comment:* If producers are responsible for the full life cycle of their packaging, they will develop non-toxic, sustainable packaging. Earth deserves nothing less.

**Josie Miller**  
Old Town, Maine

**Milton Mota**  
Old Town, Maine

**Paula K Pietrowski**  
Old Town, Maine

**Bryan Wells**  
Old Town, Maine

*Comment:* Yes, I support reforming recycling in Maine and urge lawmakers to pass the extended producer responsibility for packing law.

**Kelley Ellsworth**  
Orland, Maine

**Debra Godwin**  
Orland, Maine

*Comment:* Come on Maine!! Recycling was mandatory in Smethport PA when I lived there 30 years ago!! A very small town that was way ahead of the curve on recycling and environmental issues.

**Christine West**  
Orland, Maine

*Comment:* The town of Orland does not recycle at the transfer station. It did when it first opened and then slowly took it away without notifying the town.

**Samuel West**  
Orland, Maine

*Comment:* Why continue to use plastics and other wasteful materials while there are numerous options becoming available for biodegradable packaging? These corporations need to know if they continue to increase our noncompostable detritus that there will be financial consequences that rest solely on the ones whom are choosing to use a cheap pollutant as opposed to an earth-friendly alternative. Then maybe it wont be 'cheaper' to kill our ecosystems.

**Arnav Acharya**  
Orono, Maine

**john banks**  
oronono, Maine

**Emmanuel Boss**  
Orono, Maine

**Kathryn Bourgoin**  
Orono, Maine

**Nehemiah Brown**  
Orono, Maine

**Noa Buzby**  
Orono, Maine

*Comment:* This recycling reform is necessary because it would allow municipalities to save money, and have the big companies take responsibility for their resources!

**Cami Carter**  
Orono, Maine

**Joanna Crouse**  
Orono, Maine

**Erik Dasilva**  
Orono, Maine

**Ronald Davis**  
Orono, Maine

*Comment:* Packaging requirements to reduce non-recyclable and difficult-to-recycle materials is long overdue. Reduction of unnecessary packaging is long overdue. R.B. Davis

**Shirley Davis**  
Orono, Maine

*Comment:* Our recycling needs reform.

**Irja Frank**  
Orono, Maine

**Raven Goodell**  
Orono, Maine

**Julie Gosse**  
Orono, Maine

**John Grillo**

Orono, Maine

*Comment:* To the discerning mind with insight, separate the 'wheat from the chaff'!

**Frances Haines**

Orono, Maine

**Nancy Hall**

Orono, Maine

*Comment:* I fully agree that producers must take much greater responsibility for the types of materials their products are packaged in, with the goal being to reduce drastically the amount of material waste that cannot be recycled effectively by consumers.

**Ava Heal**

Orono, Maine

**Paloma Henriques**

Orono, Maine

**Md Tanzid Hossain**

Orono, Maine

**Leslie Hudson**

Orono, Maine

**Carmen Irujo**

Orono, Maine

**Emily Jackson Sanborn**

Orono, Maine

**Megan Keast**

Orono, Maine

**Jason Langley**

Orono, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling in Maine is basically a joke. If we want to stop rapidly losing our landfill space, then recycling must be reformed to actually work. Putting more responsibility on plastic and packaging producers would be a great start.

**Deborah Larsen-Soderberg**

Orono, Maine

**Tom Lawrence**

Orono, Maine

**Joyce Longcore**

Orono, Maine

**Emma Macaillen**

Orono, Maine

*Comment:* It is critical to continue to pursue the highest possible standards re minimizing waste and protecting our environment. Please utilize every measure possible including

rigid recycling protocols and changing waste management to such European programs as Trash to Fuel.

**Jean MacRae**

Orono, Maine

*Comment:* EPR will help Maine reach our goal of 50% diversion from landfill and incineration, reduce the burden on municipalities and encourage companies to use recyclable materials in packaging.

**Rihab Masmoudi**

Orono, Maine

**Sarah McMahon**

Orono, Maine

*Comment:* save the earth plz :)

**Kathy Moore**

Orono, Maine

**Anya Parker**

Orono, Maine

**Gavin Pelkey**

Orono, Maine

**Grace Perron**

Orono, Maine

**Susan Pinette**

Orono, Maine

**Cheryl Robertson**

Orono, Maine

*Comment:* Also, our Orono MSW is being landfilled due to Coastal RM not fulfilling their obligations or promises to be online more than a year ago. How can a state owned landfill also have the right to issue its own permits?

**Ann Ross**

Orono, Maine

**John Tjepkema**

Orono, Maine

**Orion-Bay Tucker**

Orono, Maine

**Reilly Ward**

Orono, Maine

**Timothy Waring**

Orono, Maine

*Comment:* Dear Legislature, The issue of how we handle our waste, like how we treat the poor, is a measure of our principles, our values. Our current system encourages the production of large amounts of waste, but presumes that individuals and towns and states must bear the cost of that



waste. This is unbalanced, because the waste need not be produced in the first place. This bill will bring in the companies that manufacture disposable packaging and make it easier for us, as individuals to act ethically in terms of our own waste. Please support recycling reform. Tim Waring, Orono, ME

**Scott Wilkerson**  
Orono, Maine

**Ben Woodworth**  
Orono, Maine

**Michaela Wright**  
Orono, Maine

**Elizabeth Alexander**  
Orrington, Maine  
*Comment:* I think that the full options for recycling need to be explained to the townspeople so that everyone can participate. The bottle redemption centers work well but I've noticed there are fewer of them. There needs to be more recycling, not less..

**Amos Diehl**  
Orrington, Maine

**judy holder**  
Orrington, Maine

**Holly Hunter**  
Orrington, Maine

**Janice Janostak**  
Orrington, Maine

**Patricia Judd**  
Orrington, Maine  
*Comment:* We definitely need to recycle here in Maine and elsewhere. Please do all that you can to make this come true. Sincerely, Patricia Judd, Orrington, Maine

**Barbara Kershner**  
Orrington, Maine  
*Comment:* it is weird how we spent so much money on blue recycling bins and setting up separate picks up for recycling and everyone was on board, and excited about being more environmentally aware; to all of a sudden, no more recycling! How sad it was to watch both bins getting dumped into 1 truck after families took the time to teach their kids the importance of recycling and the toll it is taking on our planet... Then all of the sudden they are explaining it costs too much to recycle, ie saving your planet is not financially feasible anymore... What happen to leaving our planet a better place for our children? Very discouraging that we are finding out it cost more to recycle so the towns stop doing it.

**Sara Ostrander**  
Orrington, Maine

**Donne Sinderson**  
Orrington, Maine

**Erin Smile**  
Orrington, Maine  
*Comment:* PLEASE! We need a way to responsibly get rid of our plastics and other recyclables.

**Erin Vinson**  
Orrington, Maine  
*Comment:* Orrington used to have a curbside pickup for recycling, but now just send both recycling and trash to Orrington's Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (<http://www.percwte.com/>). While I do like the idea of trash being transformed into energy - I don't feel that burning plastic is an appropriate way to do so. I would LOVE to see a recycling program return to Orrington. We recently moved to Orrington and want to see this town be a leader in a cleaner and healthier Maine!

**Jeanne Brooks**  
Orrs Island, Maine

**Leslie Zales**  
Orrs Island, Maine

**Shawn Kane**  
Otisfield, Maine  
*Comment:* I come from a product design background. We always designed for the wishes of the end user/customer. WE the customers need to demand that the producers of all plastics packaging be required to take back the packaging they manufacture. Manufacturers need to be responsible for it. Once that happens, designs will be quickly developed for products that can be reused or made to be easily up cycled/recycled. There is no waste in Nature- Everything is part of the system, save for what we humans are now creating! It is a design problem.

**Maureen Mooney-Howard**  
Otisfield, Maine

**Kathy Bourque Parker**  
Owls Head, Maine

**Keller Lessard**  
Owls Head, Maine

**Catherine Syrett**  
Owls Head, Maine  
*Comment:* Unfortunately too many companies seem to ignore the consequences of their choice of packaging and taxpayers and the environment pay the price.

**Diana Arcadipone**

Oxford, Maine

**Lee Dassler**

Oxford, Maine

**Frank Hodson**

Oxford, Maine

**Jesse Wall**

Oxford, Maine

*Comment:* We should also push for legislation that requires all plastic containers in the US to be standard shape and size etc so they can be reused by any number of companies. No more single use specialty shapes!

**Geralynne Winget**

Parsonsfield, Maine

*Comment:* Take a lesson from European countries like Germany .... make companies stop already with all the unnecessary packaging, ban styrofoam, use hemp products

**Paula Chessin**

Peaks Island, Maine

**Nina Shorey**

Peaks Island, Maine

**Robert Villforth**

Peaks Island, Maine

**Claudine Weatherford**

Peaks Island, Maine

**Martha Floyd**

Pembroke, Maine

**Robin Hadlock Seeley**

Pembroke, Maine

**Tom Adamo**

Penobscot, Maine

*Comment:* A decrease in packaging materials is also essential. This is to say that an item wrapped in plastic inside a plastic container and then placed in a box is a bit too much packaging material.

**Dotty Caldwell**

Penobscot, Maine

**Zachary Holderby**

Penobscot, Maine

*Comment:* We had zero sort recycling and it was great for almost a year. It went a way, which is not. Now all the recycling gets burned. Why are we digging up and cutting things down to make all these disposable products when it can all be made from recycled garbage?

**Meaghan McMonagle**

Penobscot, Maine

*Comment:* All products should be compostable or recyclable. Why are we digging up and chopping down our natural areas and transporting materials all over the globe when we could just locally melt them down and reuse them? Makes no sense. Recycling needs to get better, and more products need to be made from recycled materials.

**David Vandiver**

Penobscot, Maine

*Comment:* I would love to support legislation that promoted transparency regarding what becomes of my recycled material and secured easy access to that info.

**Laurie Warren**

Penobscot, Maine

*Comment:* YES! The world does such a terrible job of addressing this vital issue.

**Les Gross**

Perry, Maine

**Debbie McCarthy**

Phillips, Maine

**Alan Morse**

Phillips, Maine

**Larry Pinkham**

Phillips, Maine

**Phoebe Adams**

Phippsburg, Maine

**Dot Kelly**

Phippsburg, Maine

*Comment:* Thanks for highlighting the need to make the recycling system fit our needs in Maine.

**Michael Levy**

Phippsburg, Maine

**Jean Perkins**

Phippsburg, Maine

**STEPHANIE PRUZANSKY**

Phippsburg, Maine

**Caroline Skroski**

Phippsburg, Maine

**Trudy Ferland**

Pittsfield, Maine

**Barbara McPherson**

Pittsfield, Maine

**Vaughan Woodruff**

Pittsfield, Maine

**Erin Macro**

Pittston, Maine

**Lisa Paige**

Pittston, Maine

**Ann Pistell**

Pittston, Maine

*Comment:* Now is the time. It makes environmental and economic sense. All recycling programs in the towns YOU were elected to represent will be strengthened, which will strengthen your communities as well. Bring home the bacon! Ann Pistell is

**Jim Rodrigue**

Pittston, Maine

**Douglas Webb**

Pittston, Maine

**Dawn Dyer**

Poland, Maine

**Fergus Lea**

Poland, Maine

*Comment:* EPR will make manufacturers think about their packaging and encourage them to make it more environmentally friendly.

**Tamara Leavitt**

Poland, Maine

**Tim Nadeau**

Poland, Maine

*Comment:* Protect our environment and promote recycling.

**Deborah Perkins**

Poland, Maine

**Raymond Potter**

Poland, Maine

**Catherine Tetenman**

Poland, Maine

*Comment:* It is so discouraging to have no consistency in packaging to be recycled and to have so many companies that don't do it. I realize it's an added expense but there has to be enough companies that can afford it. Also, it seems that companies don't make changes unless forced to. Maybe there's an incremental way to make companies change their practices so that recycling companies can stay in business and the public can continue to recycle.

**Stan Tetenman**

Poland, Maine

**Mark Ustach**

Poland, Maine

**Michele Allen**

Portland, Maine

**Jennifer Angelone**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Making EVERYTHING we humans build or manufacture Cradle to Cradle, or C2C certified would be a major step towards ensuring the health of our planet and our own survival.

**Jessica Antonez**

Portland, Maine

**Joy Ash**

Portland, Maine

**Deborah Aylward**

Portland, Maine

**Louise Backer**

Portland, Maine

**Adinah Barnett**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* I have been a Portland, Maine resident for over 25 years. Way back in the mid 90's I started saving my recyclables, sorting them, and taking them to the 'silver bullet' recycling containers that used to be on Marginal Way. I did this for years while being a single mother of two, working, and being active in my community because I believe in being conscious of our waste and diverting the waste stream whenever possible by avoiding purchase, reusing, and recycling. Then, when Portland began curbside recycling I participated by sorting my recyclables---then several years ago they changed to 'don't bother sorting'...hmmm...mysterious. Was it going in the incinerator? We wondered. All this to say, Americans, Portlanders, are smart and resourceful enough to get serious about our waste. Look at what that city in Taiwan does--citizens bring all trash and recyclables out to meet the truck and put everything in the proper bins...it can be done! We need to be far far less focused on convenience!

**Adinah Barnett**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Many of us have recycled for decades, including before there was curbside recycling and we had to separate our recyclables and drive them to the 'silver bullet' bins miles away. People are willing to do what they can (so long as it makes sense and isn't ridiculously confusing, ie: items having the number and recycling symbol on the bottom, but not being taken locally in certain sizes, etc). But this is obviously not enough, or we wouldn't continue to have the problem we do of never even inching forward to meet our community

recycling goals. Please, please, please, follow the lead of the European Union and many provinces of Canada and make the producer of the packaging cover costs of recycling the object. This will undoubtedly push them forward on innovative, sustainable packaging design and give people good paying jobs with an eco-minded outlook. More people will be able to work on the field of recycling and reuse. Plus, it will cut costs and clean up the environment, all big wins!

**Catherine Bart**  
Portland, Maine

**Matt Beattie**  
Portland, Maine

**Scott Benson**  
Portland, Maine

**Susan Bernat**  
Portland, Maine

**David Blais**  
Portland, Maine

**Sadie Bliss**  
Portland, Maine

**Dustin Bonk**  
Portland, Maine

**Susan Bosco**  
Portland, Maine

**Sarah Braik**  
Portland, Maine

*Comment:* This is terribly important-consumers shouldn't be the ones paying the cost for irresponsible packaging practices. We need cradle to grave technology in every sector.

**Suzanne Brewer**  
Portland, Maine

**Nathan Broaddus**  
Portland, Maine

**Chelsea Brown**  
Portland, Maine

**Martha Burke**  
Portland, Maine

*Comment:* This is so much needed. Protect our children and grandchildren.

**Laurel Burns**  
Portland, Maine

**Katrina Bussiere-Venhuizen**  
Portland, Maine

**Kristina Catomeris**  
Portland, Maine

**Rosemary Cleary**  
Portland, Maine

**Aurora Cobb**  
Portland, Maine

**Wayne Cobb**  
Portland, Maine

**Lydia Coburn**  
Portland, Maine

**Margaret Colford**  
Portland, Maine

**Dana Colihan**  
Portland, Maine

**Jenn Conway**  
Portland, Maine

**Catherine Crute**  
Portland, Maine

**Seana Cullinan**  
Portland, Maine

**Laurie Davis**  
Portland, Maine

**Lien De Brouckere**  
Portland, Maine

**Deb Denbow**  
Portland, Maine

**Cheryl Denis**  
Portland, Maine

**Jacqui Deveneau**  
Portland, Maine

**Joan Dinsmore**  
Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Wonderful video on Recycling.

**Sarah Dodgin**  
Portland, Maine

**Juliana Dubovsky**  
Portland, Maine

**Veronica Dudar**  
Portland, Maine

**Peter Dugas**  
Portland, Maine

**Hannah Durham**

Portland, Maine

**c eaton**

Portland, Maine

**John Eder**

Portland, Maine

**Barbara Fiore**

Portland, Maine

**Linda Ford**

Portland, Maine

**Christopher Fraser**

Portland, Maine

**Francesca Galluccio-Steele**

Portland, Maine

**William Garcelon**

Portland, Maine

**Katherine Gardner**

Portland, Maine

**Neill Gemmel**

Portland, Maine

**Tess Grossi**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Companies need to be more responsible with the packaging of their products!

**Stephanie Hampton**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Please also have corporations pay for the costs of recycling all the mail order magazines they send consumers. Consumers should not have to receive all these junk mail catalogs. Massive amounts of garbage are created by multiple mailings of mail order catalogs to customers that didn't request a catalog and don't want to receive them.

**Camryn Hansen**

Portland, Maine

**Rick Harbison**

Portland, Maine

**Charlotte Harrison**

Portland, Maine

**Elizabeth Hays**

Portland, Maine

**Jennifer Heald**

Portland, Maine

**Anne Heminway**

Portland, Maine

**Angela Henry**

Portland, Maine

**Alexandra Hewitt**

Portland, Maine

**Matthew Hock**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Long overdue!

**Linda Hoskins**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Beyond this important step, we need to require biodegradable packaging.

**Jill Howard**

Portland, Maine

**Lena Ives**

Portland, Maine

**Kristin Jackson**

Portland, Maine

**Bruce Jacobs**

Portland, Maine

**Sophie Janeway**

Portland, Maine

**Carole Jean**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling, matters! We can all make a difference!

**Hannah Johnson**

Portland, Maine

**Bobbie Keilson**

Portland, Maine

**Mira Keller**

Portland, Maine

**Seth Keller**

Portland, Maine

**Logan Kendzierski Macdonald**

Portland, Maine

**Karre Kern**

Portland, Maine

**Colleen Khoury**

Portland, Maine

**Naomi Kronlokken**

Portland, Maine

**Jodie Lapchick**

Portland, Maine

**Sam Lawrence**

Portland, Maine

**Emily Leshner**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling is broken... we need to use less plastic to begin with - more paper packaging please.

**Genevieve Leslie**

Portland, Maine

**Alan Liska**

Portland, Maine

**Alison Livingston**

Portland, Maine

**Britta Livonius**

Portland, Maine

**Delaney Loring**

Portland, Maine

**Elizabeth Lowell**

Portland, Maine

**Karen Luse**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* We need to reframe our response to recycling in our move towards sustainability.

**Amanda Macleod**

Portland, Maine

**Anu Makynen**

Portland, Maine

**Eleanor Mann**

Portland, Maine

**Vanessa Marcoux**

Portland, Maine

**Erica Marcus**

Portland, Maine

**Jennifer McEdward**

Portland, Maine

**Jenna McGuire**

Portland, Maine

**Don Miller**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling in Maine is too important to fail.

**Troy Moon**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* It is high time manufacturers took some responsibility for the packaging waste they create instead of relying local government to carry the burden alone.

**Kevin Mooney**

Portland, Maine

**Ananda Moor-Jankowski**

Portland, Maine

**Michael Moran**

Portland, Maine

**Jackie Moreau**

Portland, Maine

**Kimberly Morrill**

Portland, Maine

**Leah Morton**

Portland, Maine

**Jennifer Murphy**

Portland, Maine

**Nancy Nickerson**

Portland, Maine

**Lee Nicoloff**

Portland, Maine

**Susan Nielsen**

Portland, Maine

**Jennifer O'Connell**

Portland, Maine

**Molana Oei**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* I support this effort because the rate at which we are producing garbage is untenable for life on earth. Really we ought to stop producing this stuff to begin with, because while wonderful, recycling alone is not enough. We need to start thinking less of ourselves as humans and remember that there are other species that have to contend with the messes we make. Sincerely, Molana Oei

**Nancy Olmstead**

Portland, Maine

**Erik Osborn**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* ERP is common-sense environmental economics. With the current system, manufactures have no direct incentive to maximize the recyclability of their packaging. Maine communities pay the cost, and manufacturers who

choose not to improve their packaging get a free ride. EPR pushes the responsibility back to the manufacturer, who is the one who actually has the power to change their practices and lower environmental and economic costs for us all.

**Jill Osgood**

Portland, Maine

**Susan Pastore**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* It distresses me that although the administration in the 'senior' housing where I live has a recycle dumpster and that almost all that goes into this dumpster is 'black bagged' which means it is destined for land fill. I am able to carry my trash to the dumpster un-bagged but most here rely on maintenance to do the right thing. I was able to persuade administration to initiate 'Garbage to Garden' which works well in dining room and kitchen...the Bistro is not as successful. Thank you for all you do, Sue

**Margaret Perkins**

Portland, Maine

**Patricia Perrier**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* I am glad to see something like this emerging. Thanks for contacting me.

**Leticia Plate**

Portland, Maine

**Eileen Purdy**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Reduction of refuse must start at the source. We as a world must acknowledge that the great convenience (sometimes not!) of currently used materials has a downside that is not what we want for our world. We must start making our wishes known and support legislation that restricts use of such materials. And endorse programs that require manufacturers and packagers to redeem and effectively recycle materials as appropriate.

**Barbara Rachel**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* It is not enough to dutifully crush our cardboard etc, it's necessary to reduce packaging. At what price convenience? The destruction of a planet? Thanks Barbara Rachel

**Ginger Raspiller**

Portland, Maine

**Phyllis Reames**

Portland, Maine

**Marlies Reppenhagen**

Portland, Maine

**MIKE ROYLOS**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* I'm with you!

**Gloria Sclar**

Portland, Maine

**Priscilla Skerry**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* It is time...in fact, over due. Corporations, if they're to be 'good citizens', must take responsibility for the waste that is created in this 'rapid response (i.e.transportation and delivery) culture being fostered. The waste is unacceptable. Recycling must begin with those who are fostering this conspicuous consumption that too many are now caught up in. The health of our planet, and us living and dependent on it makes it mandatory.

**Matthew Smith**

Portland, Maine

**Marion Snyder**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Please pass an 'extended producer responsibility for Packaging' law.

**Anja Stevens**

Portland, Maine

**Romy Stich**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Stop with all of the excess plastic packaging, go back to glass bottles and get rid of the Styrofoam! We need more bins as well.

**Lindsay Strout**

Portland, Maine

**Deirdre Sulka-Meister**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Please help save our planet

**Susan Swain**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Maine residents want to recycle materials used in packaging but that means adapting the materials so they can be recycled and reused. We don't want plastic in our oceans, forests or landfills.

**John Tabb**

Portland, Maine

**Anna Marie Thron**

Portland, Maine

**Colleen Topper**

Portland, Maine

**Sally Trice**  
Portland, Maine

**Casey Turner**  
Portland, Maine

**Paula Urbach**  
Portland, Maine

**Dietlind Vander Schaaf**  
Portland, Maine

**Alison Violette**  
Portland, Maine

**Alexander Wall**  
Portland, Maine

**Joyce Walworth**  
Portland, Maine

**William Weber**  
Portland, Maine  
*Comment:* Packaging today is madness. I received a shipment from CVS Caremark yesterday. The object I ordered was 3 inches wide and 24 inches long. It was shipped in a cardboard box 24 in X 18in X 12 in high.

**Doug Welch**  
Portland, Maine

**Dana Wilfahrt**  
Portland, Maine

**Margaret Williams**  
Portland, Maine

**Lois Ann Winter**  
Portland, Maine

**Kelsey Wood**  
Portland, Maine

**Margo Wood**  
Portland, Maine

**Peggy York**  
Portland, Maine

**Peggy York**  
Portland, Maine  
*Comment:* pass an extended producer responsibility for packagin law.

**Sharon Zelonish**  
Portland, Maine

**Lam Zimet**  
Portland, Maine

**Ron Letourneau**  
Pownal, Maine

**Derek Lovitch**  
Pownal, Maine

**Janet Lynch**  
Pownal, Maine  
*Comment:* We cannot afford not to recycle. We must also do what we can to reduce non-biodegradable waste for starters.

**Rosita Moore**  
Pownal, Maine

**Hana Boucher**  
Presque Isle, Maine

**Loretta Coty**  
Presque Isle, Maine

**Ward Gerow**  
Presque Isle, Maine

**Brady Miller**  
Presque Isle, Maine

**Pamela Sherman**  
Presque Isle, Maine

**Austin Thibeau**  
Presque Isle, Maine

**J Wang**  
Presque Isle, Maine

**Mason Young**  
Presque Isle, Maine

**Stephanie Bailey**  
Princeton, Maine

**Tracey Thibaudeau**  
Prospect Harbor, Maine  
*Comment:* Thank you so much for making an effort !!!  
Patenting should also include a cradle to grave mechanism for only allowing packaging that can be recycled in the US or is completely biodegradable/sustainable...

**Chad Kempton**  
Randolph, Maine  
*Comment:* Please support efforts to recycle and reduce the use of single use plastics.

**Stephanie Allemann**  
Rangeley, Maine  
*Comment:* PLEASE, do something!



**Susan Borko**  
Rangeley, Maine

**Joanne Dunlap**  
Rangeley, Maine

*Comment:* We need an all [lastics recycling. Brand new but melts it down back to the oil it was made from.

**Janet Berard Doyle**  
Raymond, Maine

**Jami Fitch**  
Raymond, Maine

**Scott Powers**  
Raymond, Maine

**June Wagner**  
Readfield, Maine

**Beth Comeau**  
Richmond, Maine

**Joyce Gracie**  
Richmond, Maine

**Keith Guiou**  
Richmond, Maine

**Penny Holt**  
Richmond, Maine

**Denise Ranger**  
Richmond, Maine

**Jennifer Small**  
Richmond, Maine

**Lisa Jackson**  
Robbinston, Maine

**S Bartz**  
Rockland, Maine

**Steven Miller**  
Rockland, Maine  
*Comment:* My town of Bucksport was recycling plastic numbers 1 through 7 a year ago, but now only 1 and no glass. Heck, I can work for the dump instead of the uptight old man only concerned about being rude. So I sign this petition, because I believe Maine can lead the country by example in healthy change by recycling, using renewable energy, and transitioning to electric vehicles.

**Gail Presley**  
Rockland, Maine  
*Comment:* We must be able to recycle as much as possible. In past years, I have seen our landfill staff take the bin full of glass that all the people thought they were recycling and dump

it into the landfill because they had no one to take it. Everyone in the supply and consumption equation needs to do their part. Please help!

**Linda Rice**  
Rockland, Maine

**Karen Talbot**  
Rockland, Maine

**Nicole Vanorse**  
Rockland, Maine

**Oliver Vanorse-Jones**  
Rockland, Maine

**Susan Wind**  
Rockland, Maine

**Marcia Dietrich**  
Rockport, Maine

**Austin Gallant**  
Rockport, Maine

**Anita Goodwin**  
Rockport, Maine

**Harrah Lord**  
Rockport, Maine

**Jean Matlack**  
Rockport, Maine  
*Comment:* So glad to know about this. Much needed reform. Thank you.

**John Priestley**  
Rockport, Maine

**molly ungs**  
Rockport, Maine

**Margaret Vanorse**  
Rockport, Maine

**Linda Kallin**  
Rome, Maine

**Barbara Russell**  
Rome, Maine  
*Comment:* The corporations created it for their benefit. Now they should be responsible for the 'waste' they created. There is only one earth and no one should want it to be over loaded with trash that doesn't decompose.

**Andrew Cadot**  
Roque Bluffs, Maine

**David Dowley**

Roque Bluffs, Maine

*Comment:* Roque Bluffs has a contract with Mark Wright Disposal. I currently pay out of pocket if I recycle including cardboard and newspaper. Currently MWD is making money, it would seem, by charging customers to do the recycling. I'm unclear where the recycled products are being directed, are they really recycled? The larger question is, does MRD have an incentive to encourage recycling if it reduces his waste volume and potentially his bottom line? How do I, or better, the town of RB approach MWD asking that he support recycling?

**Mary Dunn**

Round Pond, Maine

*Comment:* Strike at the source!

**J. Christopher Frost**

Round Pond, Maine

**Jody McKenzie-Harris**

Round Pond, Maine

**William Morton**

Round Pond, Maine

**Earle Kasregis**

Roxbury, Maine

**Maureen Sheldon**

Rumford, Maine

**Marie Estelle Gill**

Sabattus, Maine

*Comment:* We need to reuse thing we use. Make something else from these products.

**Morgan Inman**

Sabattus, Maine

**Benjamin Brown**

Saco, Maine

**Rachel Carey**

Saco, Maine

**Cathy Coffman**

Saco, Maine

**Mary Finn**

Saco, Maine

**ann fisher**

Saco, Maine

*Comment:* We need to continue to be a progressive state in environmental issues, building on initiatives to ban billboards and plastic bags and instituting deposits for returnable bottles.

**Lynwood Foss**

Saco, Maine

**Bre Furbish**

Saco, Maine

*Comment:* We must move forward swiftly with recycling and dramatically reducing our waste. It is beyond critical and we should be doing everything we can as quickly as possible. People should have to make drastic changes.

**Jennifer Genest**

Saco, Maine

**sonja gerken**

Saco, Maine

*Comment:* Please pass the extended producer responsibility for packaging law. Thank you, Sonja Gerken

**Andrew Goldberg**

Saco, Maine

*Comment:* Let's make smart changes now, and not wait until our landfills are full, and wished we did this 20 years ago.

**Eleni Gourdouros**

Saco, Maine

**Annie Levine**

Saco, Maine

**Matthew McGuirk**

Saco, Maine

**Patrick Pierce**

Saco, Maine

**Joline Pothier**

Saco, Maine

*Comment:* Please!

**Ethan Richards**

Saco, Maine

**Joanne Roy**

Saco, Maine

*Comment:* Glad to join all of you.

**Randi Smith**

Saco, Maine

**James Sonia**

Saco, Maine

**Ellen Speirs**

Saco, Maine

*Comment:* Please consider the recycling reform efforts for Maine, shifting the burden away from the taxpayers.

**Mary Wiggin**

Saco, Maine

**Eric Winter**

Saco, Maine

*Comment:* I am so proud of Maine's leadership in Bottle Bills. They work, they bring jobs and Maine has a great one! We should expand our impact to a broader framework. We in Maine should continue to provide leadership in this country toward better recycling programs. Getting producers to hold more responsibility in the downstream impacts of their products makes sense. We need EPR nationally. Dirigo (I lead)

**Michael Mooney**

Saint Albans, Maine

**Hannah Mathieu**

Saint David, Maine

**Jan McCoy**

Saint George, Maine

**Kirsten Kelley**

Salem Twp, Maine

*Comment:* This is an absolute imperative!! Covid 19 hit and the influx of out of staters with second homes in Maine hit our transfer stations like a Coronacane.. the WASTE is outrageous, the system incredibly frustrating, and terribly, terribly sad. Nobody cares because there is no money in it. The problem is on the FRONT end with corporations and manufacturers, I have ALWAYS said this. (My dad is a retired materials reduction engineer.) Imagine the money THEY could save if they never created this waste in the first place!! There is absolutely NO plan for the exit/deposit end of product life. Our Ocean beach sand the world over scientists say contains over 70% plastic micro-beads! Everything IS connected. I want to cry when I make my once a month (skimpy) trip to the station with my recyclables, at what I see being dumped there at OUR expense!!

**Kayla Conley**

Sanford, Maine

**Kimberly Conley**

Sanford, Maine

**Michelle Conley**

Sanford, Maine

**Tom Conley**

Sanford, Maine

**Danielle Dunham**

Sanford, Maine

**Sarah Gould**

Sanford, Maine

**Eva Hagins**

Sanford, Maine

**Crystal Helmreich**

Sanford, Maine

*Comment:* It is time!

**Elizabeth Helmreich**

Sanford, Maine

**Barbara Herrgesell**

Sanford, Maine

*Comment:* I collect my recyclables and take them to the town 'dump', as I live in a trailer park which does not collect recyclables. I have tried to talk them into it, but they say 'no way'; I'm sure our park rent would go up too. I realized yesterday that I should have done more, when I was on a trip with two others. We had ice cream. The plastic containers, after being empty, were put in a bag for trash. I asked for it, to recycle the plastic. The leader of the group laughed and said it's too much bother to wash them. (I do wonder if the use of water outweighs the saving them to recycle.) Speaking of water, as we left the restaurant, I looked at my half drunk glass of water...they won't give you a half a glass...and asked if they needed water in their water bottles. No, they had bought bottled water for the trip. This is prevalent. It makes me sick to know that water goes down the drain. My thermos was full. They laughed when I said how many people have NO water. They wouldn't get this was...

**Marilyn King**

Sanford, Maine

*Comment:* All through the pandemic I have ordered all household goods on line. I have noticed that some businesses are trying to reduce packaging waste, but we still have a long way to go. I am all for reducing any waste we can in any way we can. Thank you for this important initiative to reform recycling in our beautiful state of Maine.

**Dawn Luis**

Sanford, Maine

**Jill McCracken**

Sanford, Maine

**Christina Osmer**

Sanford, Maine

**Ellen Papale**

Sanford, Maine

*Comment:* We need to be more aware of recycling, reuse, and be more mindful of the packaging we buy. At this time it is almost impossible to find stuff not wrapped in plastic. The cost of our pay to throw bags are going up. If we are going to reduce what we throw away (which would save \$) we need better packaging. The producer's of packaging that is not

recyclable need to share in the burden we consumers at this time are paying when we buy their products.

**Lisa Rock**

Sanford, Maine

**Amanda Violette**

Sanford, Maine

**Meredith Perkins**

Sangerville, Maine

*Comment:* While reforming recycling in Maine, please add the 'extended producer responsibility for packaging' law.

**Maureen Dowd**

Sargentville, Maine

**Tracey Allen**

Scarborough, Maine

**Christian Banker**

Scarborough, Maine

**Meredith Banker**

Scarborough, Maine

**Betsy Barrett**

Scarborough, Maine

**Rita Breton**

Scarborough, Maine

**Christopher Carder**

Scarborough, Maine

**Ann Carman**

Scarborough, Maine

**Julie Carter**

Scarborough, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling is key to preserving the environment...It must be saved.

**Jaymie Chamberlin**

Scarborough, Maine

**Joan Clinton**

Scarborough, Maine

*Comment:* Producers should bear more responsibility for using recyclable materials .

**Debbie Dembski**

Scarborough, Maine

*Comment:* We are avid recyclers yet still find what can and what can not be recycled confusing. Also this goes here and that goes there, which discourage busy families from recycling more - we go one place for food scraps, one place for yard waste & and metal, wood, other and another place for large cardboard - plus we separate garbage from recycled

materials for curb pick-up. We are retired so have more time to do all this, but working folks & families may not. We need to make recycling easier. We need to lessen what we waste/need to recycle in the first place.

**Brian Englishman**

Scarborough, Maine

**Alberta Follansbee**

Scarborough, Maine

*Comment:* If we know better, we should do better. Let's do better.

**Mark Follansbee**

Scarborough, Maine

*Comment:* We need to get this right!

**Stan Gawron**

Scarborough, Maine

**Donna Gordon**

Scarborough, Maine

**Lisa Greenlaw**

Scarborough, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling is extremely important to me! I have been actively and regularly recycling since the mid-1990s. I believe it's not only vital to our community and planet to recycle, but, it's also the right thing to do! As a consumer, I feel it's extremely important to know what can and cannot be recycled. I find that a fair share of the healthy products I regularly use do not have clear recycling guidelines, which requires me to leave them out of recycling and send them off to the dump via my weekly local curbside pick-up. Ideally, it would be wonderful if all 50 states would be part of a larger movement for enforcing all food companies to market products that are packaged and sold in recyclable packaging. In addition, food waste needs to be removed from plastic trash bags and placed into renewable composting programs...it does not decompose, only creates gases. I ask that you please be proactive and a contributing part of recycling in our treasured state of Maine! Thank you. :)

**Steven Hill**

Scarborough, Maine

**Barbara Klie**

Scarborough, Maine

**Marc Lausier**

Scarborough, Maine

**Sandra Macmahon**

Scarborough, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling is more important than ever. If I see many more pictures of birds, sea creatures, and other animals dying because their stomachs are filled with plastic or dying

because they are tied up with it and can't breathe, I am going to have nightmares. I think ALL plastic should be recyclable. And sometimes it is really hard to read the recycle logo because it's so small. I know families are terribly busy, tired, and worried, but maybe it could be a child's chore to check and recycle. Please HELP!

**Sadie McCurry**  
Scarborough, Maine

**Debra McDonough**  
Scarborough, Maine  
*Comment:* A great way to incentivize more recyclable packaging. Thanks for leading this initiative.

**Mara McDonough**  
Scarborough, Maine

**Jane Palmer**  
Scarborough, Maine  
*Comment:* Recycling -- and RECYCLABLE PACKAGING -- are absolutely essential for our quality of life now and for the future condition of the planet that we are leaving for our children and grandchildren. In order for decent living conditions in years to come, recycling in Maine must be reformed, upgraded, and extended. An 'extended producer responsibility for packaging' law is a necessary part of the picture of ensuring that Mainers of the future are not left to drown in garbage, especially plastic garbage that increases global warming as it deteriorates. This must be a priority!

**Elliot Robinson**  
Scarborough, Maine  
*Comment:* We need legislation to curb waste, especially plastic waste. It still comes down to individual effort to make it work. people need to make their recycle waste as clean and useful as possible and avoid buying more junk to throw away wherever possible. Just take coffee cups as a for instance, having your reusable cup refilled each time you stop for coffee would certainly help. There is no shortage of things we didn't waste in years gone by. The idea that it's always cheaper to buy a new, throw away jug than to wash out the old one is something that has been invented in my lifetime. I will be 80 Friday and I really think we are living in a crazy time. waste is the way we go.... 'use it up, wear it out, make it do or do with out'.... words we lived by. credit to: Don Grooms.....

**Linda Stevens**  
Scarborough, Maine

**Francis Weld**  
Scarborough, Maine

**Greg Williams**  
Scarborough, Maine

*Comment:* As a longtime waste industry professional, I wholeheartedly support this initiative.

**Emily Beck**  
Seal Cove, Maine

**Greg Christianson**  
Seal Cove, Maine  
*Comment:* Recycling has to be a high priority for individuals, businesses, communities, cities, and states. Recycling and extensive reuse of containers needs to be an integral part of our capitalism, or we are all soon to be buried alive beneath our own trash.

**Gabrielle Graham**  
Seal Cove, Maine

**Richard Smith**  
Seal Cove, Maine

**Emily Davis**  
Seal Harbor, Maine  
*Comment:* Please support recycling reform, so that we may have new economic opportunities from the proper use of recaptured goods. We can have a huge new peaceful and prosperous economy including boons such as fuel from #6 plastic, fabrics from #2, and heating oil. Boxboard needs to be handled efficiently, recycled and repurposed, and with a new market( I.e. Maine could produce recycled to-go packaging that is compostable), as it is a wasted opportunity for packaging industries and green industries to have it fill our landfills. Thanks, Emily Davis

**Sydney Rockefeller**  
Seal Harbor, Maine  
*Comment:* I am very heartened to see this. Those of us who are working on recycling on Mount Desert Island are confused and frustrated that we feel we are going backwards. We pray the Fiberite is going to work, but in the meantime we are unable to recycle all that were able to in the past. I am hoping that your work will prevail! Thank-you!

**Sandra swinburne**  
Seal Harbor, Maine

**Jessica Alexander**  
Searsmont, Maine

**Martin Bartlett**  
Searsmont, Maine  
*Comment:* 'Leave only your tracks.'

**Liv Detrick**  
Searsmont, Maine

**William Leavenworth**  
Searsmont, Maine

**Jean Wakem**

Searsmont, Maine

**Kaitlyn Johnson**

Searsport, Maine

*Comment:* Thank you!!

**Elaine Morse**

Searsport, Maine

**Kendra Newcombe**

Searsport, Maine

**Richard Schweikert**

Searsport, Maine

*Comment:* We need a better sort system in my town.

**Astrig Tanguay**

Searsport, Maine

*Comment:* Recycle, reuse and replace with better methods of packaging!

**Rebecca Tripp**

Searsport, Maine

**Janet Williams**

Searsport, Maine

**Alanna Doughty**

Sebago, Maine

*Comment:* How do we continue to create materials that cannot be recycled, expect other countries across the globe to deal with our recycling, and not already have a system in place to manage our waste and recycled materials? This is a long time coming and I fully support recycling reform from the manufacturer through to the consumer and recycling facility. Cradle to cradle. Thank you.

**Marilyn Miller**

Sedgwick, Maine

**Margaret Phillips**

Shirley Mills, Maine

**Keith Dubois**

Sidney, Maine

*Comment:* I live in Sidney and during the past year, our recycling efforts have been significantly hampered. There is great confusion over what can be recycled and the list of recyclables seems to change every time I go to the transfer station. I support your efforts.

**Sienna-Morgan Glavin**

Sidney, Maine

**Jennifer Sanborn**

Sidney, Maine

**Tom Vigue**

Sidney, Maine

*Comment:* Making manufacturers own some of the responsibility for the eventual disposal of packaging and disposable products could be a real game-changer. In Europe this is already an old idea. We definitely should adopt it.

**Debra Burnham**

Skowhegan, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling is a good task for us all to continue to do for our planet. Businesses should help make products that can be recycled to preserve our planet forever.

**Susan Cochran**

Skowhegan, Maine

**Robert Conkling**

Skowhegan, Maine

**Roger Renfrew**

Skowhegan, Maine

*Comment:* We need to share the costs of keeping waste out of our environment. Once companies are responsible for costs, American ingenuity will be rewarded for finding alternate approaches to this problem.

**Bo Fauth**

Sorrento, Maine

**Jane Adams**

South Berwick, Maine

**Roberta Beavers**

South Berwick, Maine

**Barbara Colucci**

South Berwick, Maine

*Comment:* As humans we need to do better

**Tim Dyson**

South Berwick, Maine

**Deborah Ganster**

South Berwick, Maine

*Comment:* Honestly, this is a no-brainer. We are all victims of the companies who produce consumer goods and the companies who ship them. I am constantly writing to companies who engage in the manufacture of products and the use of excessive unnecessary packaging using materials that aren't even recycle-able!! I NEVER get a response. Consumers who WANT A CHOICE do not have any except to find other solutions to buying goods. AND in many cases that may not be an option. These companies will not change their ethics unless it affects their bottom line. IT IS COMPLETELY UNNECESSARY for the environment and consumers to pay the price of this thoughtless extravagance and arrogance.

**Lydia Higgins**

South Berwick, Maine

**Anthony Karlberg**

South Berwick, Maine

**Joan Newton**

South Berwick, Maine

*Comment:* I'm tired of my food, clothing, cleaning and washing products, etc., etc. being housed in plastic that, to my understanding, can no longer be easily recycled. I call on the corporations that have the authority and power to make better choices, to do so. I ask our lawmakers to pass an extended producer responsibility for packaging law. Thank you.

**Patricia Robinson**

South Berwick, Maine

*Comment:* there is way too much plastic from packaging, bottles, plastic wrap, much of it is found as litter especially the little liquor nips ugh

**Zoe Ross**

South Berwick, Maine

**Sara Busch**

South Bristol, Maine

**Richard Munson**

South Bristol, Maine

*Comment:* Single use plastic in packaging must be OUTLAWED. IF #2 grade can not be afforded then glass and/or alternative packaging materials that are recyclable must be mandated.

**Josephine Vaughan**

South Bristol, Maine

**Jennifer Williamson**

South Bristol, Maine

**Lilja Bernheim**

South China, Maine

**Robert Cote**

South China, Maine

**Maria Cruz**

South China, Maine

*Comment:* There are so many necessary products today that can only be purchased in non-recyclable containers that have worthless and misleading recycling symbols on them. Our trash can overflows with them every week, and if they actually were recyclable, that's what we would be doing with them. Please pass recycling reform that will make corporations responsible and put financial pressure on them to actually start using only recyclable containers for their products or pay a heavy price.

**Leah Howard-Berry**

South China, Maine

**Emily McCarthy**

South China, Maine

**Katy McCormac**

South China, Maine

**Harold Winters**

South China, Maine

**Jayne Winters**

South China, Maine

**Diane Bartholomew**

South Freeport, Maine

**Susan Cherbuliez**

South Freeport, Maine

*Comment:* It is urgent that you pass this bill in order to make recycling here in Maine more effective, by putting some of the responsibility on the producers.

**Tom Foote**

South Freeport, Maine

**Daniel Freund**

South Freeport, Maine

*Comment:* Time for society to more accurately price the cost of goods and services. Pollution cost, including environmental degradation due to solid waste disposal must be incorporated into the price, thereby rewarding the companies that engineer more intelligently, eliminating unwarranted packaging.

**Julie Freund**

South Freeport, Maine

**Jennifer Pope**

South Freeport, Maine

**Bonnie Vierthaler**

South Freeport, Maine

**Natasha Blake**

South Paris, Maine

**Katherine Branch**

South Paris, Maine

**Carl Costanzi**

South Paris, Maine

**Gladys Foster**

South Paris, Maine

*Comment:* Please do NOT stop recycling in Maine, but it does need to be cost worthy. Don't buy what cannot be recycled.

**Kerry Read**

South Paris, Maine

**Richard Baker**

South Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Please push this important issue

**Louisa Beckett**

South Portland, Maine

*Comment:* We all are responsible for our earth and recycling is a part of our responsibility and that of corporations.

**Mary Berguin**

South Portland, Maine

**John Bernard**

South Portland, Maine

**Christopher Bond**

South Portland, Maine

**Rebecca Boulos**

South Portland, Maine

**Rizk Childs**

South Portland, Maine

*Comment:* as a trash collector, it is common to get yelled at for refusing contaminated recycle. i sort as much as possible to make ecomaine's job easier and more efficient. i often pull in loads contaminated up to 50% trash from greater portland.

**Denison Church**

South Portland, Maine

**Kelly Corbin**

South Portland, Maine

*Comment:* It's past time for corporations to enact cradle to cradle product stewardship instead of passing the burden onto consumers. I strongly support recycling reform that requires corporations to share in the cost of recycling products that they make.

**Kristine Corey**

South Portland, Maine

**Marie Corkery**

South Portland, Maine

*Comment:* I am deeply concerned about waste caused by manufactures, including excessive packaging, the use of non recyclable package materials, fossil fuels to transport consumer goods, and the use of toxic and or non recyclable materials to manufacture goods, and the practice of built in insolence. Manufactures should be held accountable for not building better consumer goods.

**Melissa Doughty**

South Portland, Maine

*Comment:* We need more companies caring about our world

and trying to help make it better! If they care more about profit then they need to be held accountable for their role in making the mess we are in. Less packaging and more earth friendly materials should be mandated by law or fines for clean up efforts be imposed.

**Carol Flynn**

South Portland, Maine

*Comment:* We have been enthusiastically recycling for several years & are thankful that our town, SoPo, has encouraged that practice by supplying bins for that purpose. That is why we are very discouraged by notices to NOT add several items to the bin that use to be accepted because those materials are no longer processed. My understanding is that much of that is due to China's change in policy. The PRO model sounds like a regional & productive answer to this problem. Please consider.

**Carolyn Foley**

South Portland, Maine

**Aaron Fox**

South Portland, Maine

**Vicki Fox**

South Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Like helping

**Lydia Graves**

South Portland, Maine

**Kristina Grimaldi**

South Portland, Maine

**Monica Harty**

South Portland, Maine

**Angela Haskell**

South Portland, Maine

*Comment:* It goes all the way to the top!

**Marianne Hill**

South Portland, Maine

*Comment:* We cannot afford to go backward -- our planet is in peril.

**Lori Hodgson**

South Portland, Maine

**Julie Hopkins**

South Portland, Maine

**Nancy Hubley**

South Portland, Maine

**Amelia Hundt**

South Portland, Maine



**Jamien Jacobs**

South Portland, Maine

**Jean Keller**

South Portland, Maine

**Barbara Kriger**

South Portland, Maine

**Muriel K Kruppa**

South Portland, Maine

**Felicity Lodge**

South Portland, Maine

**Elizabeth Matthews**

South Portland, Maine

**Ian McBurney**

South Portland, Maine

**Nicholas McKenney**

South Portland, Maine

**James Melloh**

South Portland, Maine

*Comment:* No recycling fraud by waste management companies. No more products with waste which cannot be reused. We all need to work together on this.

**Catherine Merrow**

South Portland, Maine

*Comment:* I am proud of our recycling services! Please work on the problems and keep the programs going strong!

**James Merrow**

South Portland, Maine

**John Minahan**

South Portland, Maine

**Ann Morrill**

South Portland, Maine

**Yvonne Mumme**

South Portland, Maine

**Lisa Munderback**

South Portland, Maine

**Mary O'Connell**

South Portland, Maine

**Kathleen Potrepka**

South Portland, Maine

*Comment:*

**Gregg Raymond**

South Portland, Maine

**Tom Rogers**

South Portland, Maine

**Heidi Rosengren**

South Portland, Maine

**Carol Ross**

South Portland, Maine

**Annika Schmidt**

South Portland, Maine

**Danielle Seguin**

South Portland, Maine

**John Smith**

South Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Put responsibility for recyclability on producers and vendors. They have control over packaging and shipping.

**Lucie Springman**

South Portland, Maine

**Linden Thigpen**

South Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Follow Singapore's lead turn it all into a renewable resource, fuel for communities. Keep it on site or within the state and reuse it all here.

**Alison Traver**

South Portland, Maine

**Natalie West**

South Portland, Maine

*Comment:* We all need to do everything we can to reduce waste. Maine forests can be a source of biodegradable packaging materials that will help the environment and provide jobs for Mainers.

**Susan White**

South Portland, Maine

**Bethany Woodworth**

South Portland, Maine

**Grant Dinmore**

South Thomaston, Maine

**Thomas Goettel**

South Thomaston, Maine

**Roberta Goodell**

South Thomaston, Maine

**Sally Merchant**

South Thomaston, Maine

**Vivian Newman**

South Thomaston, Maine

**Fleet Davies**

Southport, Maine

*Comment:* Great idea. Lets reduce our footprint!

**Margaret Helming**

Southport, Maine

**Andrea Hutchins**

Southport, Maine

**Jane Lunt**

Southport, Maine

**John Lunt**

Southport, Maine

**Helen Meserve**

Southport, Maine

*Comment:* Corporations should pay for the plastic products they inflict on the residents of Maine. We do not need more plastic. Let the corporations come up with alternative eco-friendly products for wrapping and displaying their goods, or else share in the cost of our recycling programs. Why should the taxpayer bear the burden?

**Vernon Rail**

Southport, Maine

**Jane Southworth**

Southport, Maine

**Dick Atlee**

Southwest Harbor, Maine

*Comment:* I look forward to seeing the ultimate DEP wording and learning how EPR has been implemented in the places it has actually accomplished the goals we have set for it in Maine.

**Ann Dundon**

Southwest Harbor, Maine

*Comment:* Seems corporations only look at the bottom line. If they have to pay for packaging, perhaps they will reduce it.

**Dean Henry**

Southwest Harbor, Maine

**Mary Anne Hinckley**

Southwest Harbor, Maine

**Diana Lindquist**

Southwest Harbor, Maine

**Julie Meltzer**

Southwest Harbor, Maine

**Marjorie Monteleon**

Southwest Harbor, Maine

**Alex Newell Taylor**

Southwest Harbor, Maine

**Roger Rand**

Southwest Harbor, Maine

*Comment:* My transfer station in Southwest Harbor has gone to an all- in -one- bin system for trash. This is what recycling has come to. Dumbing everything down for the people who can't be bothered to sort. Can't go but think that most goes into landfill!

**Rebecca Williams**

Southwest Harbor, Maine

**Grace Hansen**

Springvale, Maine

**Noel Leigh**

Springvale, Maine

**Sherwin Start**

Springvale, Maine

*Comment:* RECYCLING IS AN ESSENTIAL FUNCTION OF ALL MAINERS ! IF WE DONT RECYCLE TODAY- there will not be anything for GRAND& GREAT CHILDREN TO USE! DO WE WANT TO LEAVE THIS LEGACY BEHIND FOR THEM OR DO WE WANT TO WASTE EVERYTHING WE THROW AWAY ?? SHERWIN START Springvale ,Maine.

**Leonard Greenhalgh**

Spruce Head, Maine

*Comment:* When we throw things away, where is away?

**Greg Soutiea**

Spruce Head, Maine

*Comment:* As a small business owner of the Craignair Inn and Restaurant (22 rooms and 54 seat restaurant) I support this reform.

**Shane Eherts**

Standish, Maine

**Carmen Gauthier**

Starks, Maine

*Comment:* The recycling program in Starks is a bad joke. And it costs us as property tax payers more each year and they are accepting less items to recycle. What Joe Hayden doesn't accept for recycling I take to Farmington United Way to recycle. And since when can a town selectman get paid with tax payers' money to perform recycling in the town? Isn't that unethical at least and illegal at most?

**Elizabeth Smedberg**

Starks, Maine

*Comment:* Recycle!

**Donald Parker**

Steep Falls, Maine

*Comment:* I strongly support recycling; it makes sense!

**Georgianna Kosciusko**

Stetson, Maine

*Comment:* It is time that recycling Reform for Maine is available!

**Jeff Beckley**

Steuben, Maine

*Comment:* Packaging is such a HUGE problem in the way it litters our planet, depletes hard to replace resources, harms wildlife, poisons the air and water we need to live healthy lives. So much of it is unnecessary and wasteful, and even when it is needed there are healthier alternatives. It way past time to create incentives (or disincentives) to move in the right direction to limit the negative impacts of packaging. This bill will help address the problem at it's source. Yeah!!!

**Maddrey Coover**

Steuben, Maine

*Comment:* We lost our town's recycling last year. It is very sad to send so much plastic to waste now.

**Katherine Doble**

Steuben, Maine

**Peggy Drake**

Steuben, Maine

*Comment:*

**Shelly Shapiro**

Steuben, Maine

*Comment:* Ever since our local recycling center closed, I have been made aware of just how much waste we generate--even with all food waste going into our composter. We are trying to cut back on other waste, but it is difficult to avoid all the extensive packaging involved in all the products we buy. There has to be a way for us all to do better. Extended Producer Responsibility for Packing would be a start.

**Maryann Smale**

Steuben, Maine

*Comment:* I was very upset when my local recycle place was shut down. Now there is nowhere to take my recycling and I have to throw everything in the garbage. I was always happy to recycle. I feel guilty. We must start the programs again!!

**Barbara Smith**

Steuben, Maine

**Abbie Bradford**

Stillwater, Maine

**Ed Spencer**

Stillwater, Maine

**Donna Gold**

Stockton Springs, Maine

**Beth Smith**

Stockton Springs, Maine

**Jennifer Spang**

Stockton Springs, Maine

**Martha Stamp**

Stockton Springs, Maine

**Janet Arens**

Stoneham, Maine

**Erin Klemenz**

Stonington, Maine

**Laura Lawford**

Stonington, Maine

**Leanna Targett**

Strong, Maine

**Paul Breeden**

Sullivan, Maine

**Jill Ryder**

Sullivan, Maine

**Marie Louise Morandi Long Zwicker**

Sullivan, Maine

*Comment:* pressure must be put on corporations to stop producing so many goods that are packaged in plastics, and also ensure that recycling programs are open to taking more recycled plastics, metals and paper goods.

**Betsy Armstrong**

Surry, Maine

**Nancy Hathaway**

Surry, Maine

*Comment:* Yes. Something needs to be done The director of Blue Hill dump seems to do nothing to encourage recycling and even the solid waste committee. I've tried for years to get recycling to happen. They say it is but it isn't. I visited s gardiner years ago and the person in charge was helping folks w their recycling. Businesses don't seem to recycle either Thx for your efforts

**Stephen Hildebrand**

Surry, Main

**Katherine Lane**

Surry, Maine

**Jennifer Lipka**

Surry, Maine

**Paula Mrozicki**

Surry, Maine

**Riva O'Rourke**

Surry, Maine

*Comment: #BacktoPERC*

**Chris Stark**

Surry, Maine

**Marc Swartzbaugh**

Surry, Maine

**Mandi Davis**

Swans Island, Maine

**John Trask**

Swans Island, Maine

*Comment: The senders should pay the extra costs for processing bulky packaging.*

**Carol Simon**

Swanville, Maine

*Comment: People who buy materials for packaging their products should be responsible for providing recycling facilities for the packaging. Or--we could return to non-packaging! But we must keep plastics, particularly, out of air, water, and land; and our own bodies!*

**Susie Dennison**

Temple, Maine

**Marilyn 'Jo' Josephson**

Temple, Maine

**Greg Kimber**

Temple, Maine

**Beverly Feldt**

Tenants Harbor, Maine

*Comment: I hope that St. George adopts the effort to reform recycling in Maine.*

**Lawrence Hoodack**

Tenants Harbor, Maine

**Ernie Johnson**

Tenants Harbor, Maine

**Carla Skinder**

Tenants Harbor, Maine

*Comment: We are being buried in trash. It is time for corporations to step up to making packaging biodegradable.*

**Shlomit Auciello**

Thomaston, Maine

**Diana Beach**

Thomaston, Maine

**Kenneth Kijewski**

Thomaston, Maine

**Mimi Moore**

Thomaston, Maine

**Holly Spicer**

Thomaston, Maine

**Ali Askin**

Thorndike, Maine

**Nyla Bravesnow**

Thorndike, Maine

**Kenneth Copp**

Thorndike, Maine

**Rebecca Hagen**

Thorndike, Maine

*Comment: I recycle everything that my local recycle center takes. I feel this is an important issue and together we need to reduce the waste.*

**Andrew Hoglund**

Thorndike, Maine

*Comment: Recycling is the future.*

**Winifred Noyes**

Thorndike, Maine

*Comment: Recycling may not be the best form of waste reduction, that would be avoiding the manufacturing of waste in the first place, but it certainly beats trash going to a land fill or a waste processing facility. Please pass legislation to decrease waste production, increase recycling, increase re-use of waste materials in new ways, and require waste producers to pay their fair share of the costs of the programs. All that is a big job; time to get started! Wini Noyes Thorndike, ME*

**Mary Meier**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment: All in favor of any initiatives that will lead to more recycling!*

**Patricia Allen**

Topsham, Maine

**James Amundsen**

Topsham, Maine

**Dana Appleby**

Topsham, Maine

**Elizabeth Armstrong**

Topsham, Maine

**Lynne Arnold**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* Sounds like something we should have done a long time ago. This is our opportunity to do something really important for our town, our state, our country and our selves.

**Judith Auten**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* Passing EPR into law will encourage less packaging and the packaging that is used to be more easily recycled. It will help Maine towns continue to afford recycling programs and Mainers to continue to be responsible environmental stewards.

**Susan Babb**

Topsham, Maine

**Katharine Babbitt**

Topsham, Maine

**Dianna Baribeau**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* Now is not the time to be reducing our efforts to save our planet!

**Donna Barmore**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* I strongly support the passage of an 'extended producer responsibility for packaging' law

**Connie Barras**

Topsham, Maine

**Mary Barron**

Topsham, Maine

**Robert Barry**

Topsham, Maine

**Kelly Barton**

Topsham, Maine

**Diane Belliveau**

Topsham, Maine

**Rayleen Berry**

Topsham, Maine

**Kathleen Boldt**

Topsham, Maine

**Michelle Borodinsky**

Topsham, Maine

**Victoria Boundy**

Topsham, Maine

**Robin Brooks**

Topsham, Maine

**Jeffrey Burns**

Topsham, Maine

**Leslie Byrne**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* Thank you for doing this!!

**Katie Byrnes**

Topsham, Maine

**ALROY CHOW**

Topsham, Maine

**Valerie Chow**

Topsham, Maine

**Janice Collins**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* Fully support improved packaging efforts and recycling!

**Susanne Colson**

Topsham, Maine

**Barbara Combs**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* I support recycling reform for Maine to make it more efficient, sustainable, and equitable.

**Harvey Congleton**

Topsham, Maine

**Brenna Coughlin**

Topsham, Maine

**Jacquelyn Cressy**

Topsham, Maine

**Steve Crowe**

Topsham, Maine

**Jennifer Curtis**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* I value that Topsham invests in the future

**Carol Davis**

Topsham, Maine

**Richard Davis**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* This is a major issue. Involving the producers of waste in the solution is important.

**Dave Demeo**

Topsham, Maine

**Jonna Demeo**

Topsham, Maine

**Stan DeOrsey**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* reduce and eliminate, generally recycling only works once. Cut pesticides too!

**Kiffi Diamond**

Topsham, Maine

**Deborah Doucett**

Topsham, Maine

**Rebecca Drewette-Card**

Topsham, Maine

**Maggie Dumais**

Topsham, Maine

**Melissa Dumont**

Topsham, Maine

**Elizabeth Durrell**

Topsham, Maine

**Carol Evans**

Topsham, Maine

**Charles Evans**

Topsham, Maine

**Bill Ewing**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* As a recycler/composter and someone who spent 30 years working with all areas of the food industry, beginning to end, 'extended producer responsibility' is the first initiative that I have seen that will disrupt the folly that we call 'recycling'. Only the first 2 'R's' make any difference at all.....reduce & reuse.

**Leah Farrell**

Topsham, Maine

**Sara Fitzgerald**

Topsham, Maine

**William Fitzsimmons**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* I feel somewhat betrayed when I go to the recycling center and being told they don't accept certain types of plastic that are clearly marked as recyclable. I don't blame the employees as I understand there is no market for certain recyclables, but I do blame the packaging industry for making containers that they claim are recyclable, but are clearly not marketable. We need to reform packaging at the point of sale and make suppliers responsible for buying back their output.

**Daniel Flaig**

Topsham, Maine

**Hannah Flanagan**

Topsham, Maine

**John Forsyth**

Topsham, Maine

**David Frost**

Topsham, Maine

**Ann Gardner**

Topsham, Maine

**Roger Gaudreau**

Topsham, Maine

**Tom Gilbert**

Topsham, Maine

**Sherry Gleason**

Topsham, Maine

**Jennah Godo**

Topsham, Maine

**Mark Grandonico**

Topsham, Maine

**Travis Gray**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* I am saddened by all the unrecyclable waste I need to throw in the trash lately. The transfer station doesn't take many of the plastics and small styrofoam like they used to. I would love to see more biodegradable and recyclable packaging coming out of our local businesses, especially supermarkets.

**Katherine Greeley**

Topsham, Maine

**Theresa Green**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* great work!

**Jennifer Greenleaf**

Topsham, Maine

**Roland Guerette**

Topsham, Maine

**Dan & Lynda Hall**

Topsham, Maine

**Michael Hamilton**

Topsham, Maine

**Mary Haycock**

Topsham, Maine

**Rae Hebert**

Topsham, Maine

**Susan Hedgpeth-More**

Topsham, Maine

**Mary Henderson**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* We must reduce plastics in our waste stream!

**Mary Hobson**

Topsham, Maine

**Melissa Hoy**

Topsham, Maine

**Matthew Jauch**

Topsham, Maine

**Rebecca Jauch**

Topsham, Maine

**Acadia Jerome**

Topsham, Maine

**Colin Kelley**

Topsham, Maine

**Cheryl King**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* To Whom It May Concern Less developed countries no longer want America's trash, so until corporations develop more sustainable packaging then it's only fair that they contribute to the costs of recycling.

**Richard King**

Topsham, Maine

**Russ Kinne**

Topsham, Maine

**Kristen Kravitz**

Topsham, Maine

**M. Elaine Kurtz**

Topsham, Maine

**Nancy Kurtz**

Topsham, Maine

**Michael LaCharite**

Topsham, Maine

**Victor Langelo**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* This is long overdue.

**Amanda Larkin**

Topsham, Maine

**Cm Larson**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* Let's enact this win-win option!

**Elizabeth Lee**

Topsham, Maine

**Ginger Libby**

Topsham, Maine

**Jane Littlefield**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* Please support this.

**Susan Loebbs**

Topsham, Maine

**Jessica Lopes**

Topsham, Maine

**katharine lyon**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* I support this reform wholeheartedly and I will be very concerned if Topsham fails to join in, in this critical effort to fix Maine's recycling problems thank you

**Patricia Maloney**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* It matters in so many ways. So glad to support this effort.

**Carol Martin**

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* Please reform our recycling programs to make them more efficient--and more understandable. Our recycler keeps changing the terms of what is and isn't recyclable, which discourages people from recycling. Most of my neighbors would be happy to keep recycling, if we just were kept informed of what the latest regulations are. Please simplify this situation, and stay put!

**Eileen Martin**

Topsham, Maine

**Arthur and Charlotte Mary**

Topsham, Maine

**Joyce McPhetres**

Topsham, Maine

**Christian Meier**

Topsham, Maine

**Thomas Michaud**

Topsham, Maine

**Elizabeth Michel**

Topsham, Maine

**Jeanne Minchak**  
Topsham, Maine

**Ruth Mlotek**  
Topsham, Maine

**Stanley and Michelle Moody**  
Topsham, Maine  
*Comment:* I want to be able to recycle all plastics. I wish we could just leave the packaging at the store. Maybe then they would ask producers to use less.

**Stephen Munier**  
Topsham, Maine  
*Comment:* Pls, let's make manufacturers & all big business more responsible for our environment! Pls pass this Bill ASAP! And encourage other states to do likewise! Thank You!

**Harland Nadeau**  
Topsham, Maine

**Thomas O'Keefe**  
Topsham, Maine

**Judy O'Keefe**  
Topsham, Maine  
*Comment:* I am in support of reforming recycling efforts in Maine to make it more complete

**Bridgette Ortiz**  
Topsham, Maine

**Jessica Parks**  
Topsham, Maine

**Lyndsey Patton**  
Topsham, Maine  
*Comment:* Yes, new thinking is needed! Thank you!

**David Pease**  
Topsham, Maine

**Steve Pelletier**  
Topsham, Maine

**Jenn Pidgeon**  
Topsham, Maine

**Joyce Polyniak**  
Topsham, Maine

**Terry Porter**  
Topsham, Maine

**Jennifer Poston**  
Topsham, Maine

**Tiffany Pushard**  
Topsham, Maine

**Brennan Radulski**  
Topsham, Maine

**Susan Rae-Reeves**  
Topsham, Maine

**Judith Redwine**  
Topsham, Maine

**Susan Reed**  
Topsham, Maine

**Diane Schetky**  
Topsham, Maine

**Peggy Schick**  
Topsham, Maine

**Mary Schreiber**  
Topsham, Maine

**Henry Schwartz**  
Topsham, Maine  
*Comment:* Please help us clean up our environment.

**Erin scott**  
Topsham, Maine

**Richard Snyder**  
Topsham, Maine  
*Comment:* An important step in creating a cleaner planet.

**Laura Sohval**  
Topsham, Maine

**Lane Soltesz**  
Topsham, Maine

**william spock**  
Topsham, Maine

**Darwin Stanley**  
Topsham, Maine

**Raija Suomela**  
Topsham, Maine

**Denise Tepler**  
Topsham, Maine

**Richard Thomas**  
Topsham, Maine

**Daniel Tompkins**  
Topsham, Maine



**Joseph Toste**  
Topsham, Maine

**Leyza Toste**  
Topsham, Maine

**Ron Turcotte**  
Topsham, Maine  
*Comment:* Topsham and the world needs more recycling.

**Amy Wallace**  
Topsham, Maine

**Annette Waterman**  
Topsham, Maine

**Jay Westra**  
Topsham, Maine  
*Comment:* Yes please, recycling is critical to our future.

**Nick Whatley**  
Topsham, Maine

**Phin White**  
Topsham, Maine

**Sara White**  
Topsham, Maine  
*Comment:* We also need better recycling machinery which can handle smaller pieces like plastic medicine bottles and bottle caps which end up in landfill!

**Susan White**  
Topsham, Maine

**Ann Williams**  
Topsham, Maine  
*Comment:* Topsham has been working hard towards this goal. It is hard when so many packaging materials are not recyclable.

**Sarahjane Wing**  
Topsham, Maine

**Edward Wolcott**  
Topsham, Maine

**Linda Wolcott**  
Topsham, Maine

**Barbara Acosta**  
Trenton, Maine  
*Comment:* Our recycling in Trenton has been seriously curtailed in recent months making it difficult to do the right thing to care for our environment. In addition I have learned that a lot of the recycling we were sending overseas was simply getting dumped there. Reducing packaging would have MORE impact on our environment than recycling ever could.

**Michael Gilmartin**  
Trenton, Maine

**Bill Hammond**  
Trevett, Maine

**Robin Jordan**  
Trevett, Maine  
*Comment:* Recycling cannot and should not fall only on the shoulders of the end users and their towns. REDUCE- which starts at manufacturers- use fewer plastics and instead substitute more sustainable materials.

**Trish Stevens**  
Troy, Maine

**Sharon Martin**  
Turner, Maine  
*Comment:* Let's get the trash off of our roadways and recycle as much as possible for the benefit of the environment. Asking the packagers to foot the bill for their packaging choices will quickly change bad behavior.

**Samantha Carpentier**  
Union, Maine

**Jon Ellis**  
Union, Maine

**Keri Kaczor**  
Union, Maine

**Maureen Rubano**  
Union, Maine

**Denise Shaw**  
Union, Maine

**John Shepard**  
Union, Maine  
*Comment:* I'm the president of the board of directors for our regional solid waste management organization, so I especially value and appreciate this effort.

**Joseph Skalecki**  
Union, Maine

**Natalie Witherell**  
Union, Maine  
*Comment:*

**Tom Aversa**  
Unity, Maine  
*Comment:* Sadly, my town recently decided that they couldn't afford to recycle many materials. I find this unacceptable. We need a better system and need to force businesses to shoulder the costs. If they pass it on to the consumer, it is a price worth paying.

**Brian Byrne**

Unity, Maine

**Diana Hauser**

Unity, Maine

**Erin McCarten**

Unity, Maine

**Annie Sheble**

Unity, Maine

**Susan Siens**

Unity, Maine

*Comment:* My understanding, from both news reports and my recycling center, is that China stopped accepting American recycling because it is so contaminated. People cannot be bothered to properly separate their recycling, to make sure it is clean, etc. I was shocked when I took a box of newspapers from my center to find the box filthy and full of trash from the household which sent it (and I know who it was because of the name on the Wall Street Journals which had been recycled).

**Joan Atkinson**

Vassalboro, Maine

*Comment:* Please do something to reform Maine's recycling system, and pass an extended producer responsibility and packaging law.

**Peggy Horner**

Vassalboro, Maine

**Jen Noll**

Vassalboro, Maine

**Teresa Attean**

Veazie, Maine

**Karen Benson**

Veazie, Maine

**Lindy Moceus**

Vienna, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling reform is long overdue. Why are we filling up our landfills with material that should be recycled? Why do we drill for oil, mine for ores, etc. then manufacture plastic products (made from oil) and metals (we mined for) and then throw them away in a landfill. Then we go and drill for more oil and mine for more metal...putting the environment at great risk. It is absolute insanity! This EPR for packaging bill must go through!

**Isabelle Rogers**

Vienna, Maine

**Meghan Willing**

Vienna, Maine

**Stephen Bara**

Waldo, Maine

**Letitia Manning**

Waldo, Maine

*Comment:* We need to improve our recycling programs and reduce the amount of throw-away packaging. There is trash all over the roads and beaches of Maine. Not only is it unsightly, harmful to the environment and a pain to clean up, it wastes all the resources that went into all that packaging. It also costs money to clean it up. Increase recycling and you will keep Maine cleaner, help protect our beautiful environment and save resources. In addition, we must force companies to reduce the amount of packaging, and to reengineer the type of packaging so that packaging is 'cradle to cradle'- it is designed to be used over and over, not single-use. There is nothing new about reduce, reuse and recycle, but now these actions are absolutely critical for a healthy future.

**Tzevi Aho**

Waldoboro, Maine

**Krisanne Baker**

Waldoboro, Maine

*Comment:* I can't begin to tell you how many people I know who are upset over the rescindment of plastics recycling numbers one through seven at our local transfer station. People in my town and so many others worldwide, have really been getting on board, finally, with plastic recycling; then there is none. Please bring it back somehow, someday. This planet is drowning in plastic. I'm hoping it will at least be recycled until a plant based packing alternative takes hold of the world instead of plastic.

**Melissa Dearborn**

Waldoboro, Maine

**Charles Delory**

Waldoboro, Maine

*Comment:* It seems such a waste to throw away all of that plastic

**Donna Denniston**

Waldoboro, Maine

**Heather L Dilbeck**

Waldoboro, Maine

*Comment:* need to connect the municipalities together for a 'one stream' approach

**Tatyana Eckstrand**

Waldoboro, Maine

**Charlene Jackens**

Waldoboro, Maine

**Jasmine Kauffman**

Waldoboro, Maine

**Mark Bargetz**

Walpole, Maine

**Tyler Gulden**

Walpole, Maine

**Alicia Ruiz Ojeda**

Walpole, Maine

*Comment:* We need not only to reduce our waste generation (which requires of a bigger effort from companies to offer more sustainable packaging alternatives), but also having accessible ways for effectively recycling our inorganic (and composting our organic) materials. In many cities and countries in the world, waste is seeing as a product with the potential to being processed and become profitable, creating energy, jobs and an industry itself. We shouldn't see our waste as the final outcome of our lifestyles but have a circular economy approach where only what can't be reduced, re-purposed or re-utilized find a final low-emission and resilient destination.

**Michael Uhl**

Walpole, Maine

**Genda Bonde**

Warren, Maine

**Stacey Hall**

Warren, Maine

**Katherine Holland**

Warren, Maine

*Comment:* Now that our transfer station is now accepting only #2 plastics, the amount of trash we create has increased by 25-50%. The main culprits are large containers for salads, fruits, yogurt, mayonnaise and peanut butter jars, electronics and personal products. Surely manufacturers should turn their attention to packaging their products in a more logical way. Without incentives like laws, however, they are not going to do so. Please do what you can legislatively to force producers to package their products in more ecologically sensitive and practical, economical ways. Thank you.

**Morgan Hynd**

Warren, Maine

**Kathryn Nichols**

Warren, Maine

**Julian Echeverria**

Washburn, Maine

**Taylor Novak**

Washburn, Maine

**Jlynn Frazier**

Washington, Maine

**Neil Gross**

Washington, Maine

*Comment:* Improvement to recycling is urgently needed, especially for plastic.

**Glenice Skelton**

Washington, Maine

*Comment:* This is a very BIG important step to control plastics invading our environment

**Yvonne Taylor**

Washington, Maine

**Pamela Crabtree**

Waterboro, Maine

**Jackie Elliott**

Waterboro, Maine

*Comment:* Waste generation and disposal management is a huge problem for Maine citizens and their communities. There are proven ways of doing things more efficiently and saving on costs. The 'extended producer responsibility for packaging law' will help move us toward ways that are more sustainable for everyone.

**Candace Meltzer**

Waterboro, Maine

**Seth Gallant**

Waterford, Maine

**Brie Holme**

Waterford, Maine

**Kerry Johnson**

Waterford, Maine

**Lydia Landesberg**

Waterford, Maine

*Comment:* Please encourage recycling in our beautiful state. Thank you.

**Carol Rothenberg**

Waterford, Maine

*Comment:* Let's not place all of the responsibility on the consumer. Manufacturers need to make changes in packaging for the environment. We also need to promote local products that travel fewer miles and thus need simpler packaging.

**Patricia Bolduc**

Waterville, Maine

**Deb Cloutier**

Waterville, Maine

**Scott Crossman**

Waterville, Maine

*Comment:* We should not have to pay to recycle junk mail or the packaging forced on us by company that make and sell products to us.

**Gale Davison**

Waterville, Maine

*Comment:* Yes, for too long consumers and municipalities have been paying for packaging which is too much about marketing. Charge companies for their marketing which takes the form of packaging. If a product is worth buying it will sell itself. We have too little choice in our purchases since so much of what we buy is packaged in materials which don't degrade into healthy byproducts. Charge the ones who produce the excess waste. Have a surcharge on products that are sold in non-degradable packages.

**Nina Gimond**

Waterville, Maine

**Janet R. Gray**

Waterville, Maine

*Comment:* Let's DO this!

**Stephanie Kierstead**

Waterville, Maine

*Comment:* It's only fair to require the corporations who produce the goods to be responsible for reducing packaging and sharing in recycling. Recycling is a problem in my community because there is no market for much of the so called recyclable items.

**William Lee**

Waterville, Maine

**Carolyn MacRae**

Waterville, Maine

*Comment:* Please continue to support recycling by reforming recycling to make it more efficient and to reduce the burden on Maine's taxpayers.

**John Markoe**

Waterville, Maine

**George Miller**

Waterville, Maine

**Lisa Miller**

Waterville, Maine

**Janine Moore**

Waterville, Maine

**Sylvia Niles**

Waterville, Maine

**Claire Prontnicki**

Waterville, Maine

*Comment:* I've been picking up plastic trash in my neighborhood, and it's definitely getting worse! Even when people try to recycle, the wind blows lightweight containers right out of recycling bins (and ultimately into the river, from there to poison sea life). And a lot of plastic isn't even recyclable, at least economically. Industries have to get motivated to make their packaging more environmentally sustainable.

**Jonathan Rogers**

Waterville, Maine

**Anna Beth Rynders**

Waterville, Maine

*Comment:* I recycle to the best of my ability, and will continue to do so. I'm concerned about 'contaminated' loads and feel that everyone needs better information on what can be put in recycle bins and what cannot so that the process is more efficient and less costly. I'm hoping to encourage my neighbors here in our 16-unit condo association to do more recycling and am trying to think of ways I can help them to do so. Right now only about 4-5 units put out a recycle bin. I feel strongly that it is important for all of us to keep recycling and to find ways to get more people to do it, and to keep it a viable alternative to wastefulness.

**Elizabeth Schiller**

Waterville, Maine

**Ellyn Smith**

Waterville, Maine

*Comment:* I hate, loathe, despise having to throw away items that I have been accustomed to recycling. I have even started purchasing different brands and items so I don't have to put glass in the garbage. In a disposable culture (juice boxes, Capri sun pouches, individually packaged EVERYTHING) recycle reform is absolutely necessary.

**Thomas Tietenberg**

Waterville, Maine

**Tamie Trainer**

Waterville, Maine

**Claire Waichler**

Waterville, Maine

*Comment:* Shift the system, make producers implement sustainable processes!

**Irene West**

Waterville, Maine

**Jon Wilder**

Waterville, Maine

**Linda Woods**

Waterville, Maine

*Comment:* Reducing the amount of packaging is crucial. So much of it is non-recyclable. Please support this concept.

**Leslie Burhoe**

Wayne, Maine

*Comment:* I hope it is successful!

**Leslie Lewandowski**

Wayne, Maine

**Diana McLaughlin**

Wayne, Maine

**Debbie Smith**

Weld, Maine

**Hannah Bradish**

Wells, Maine

**Eleanor Caffrey**

Wells, Maine

*Comment:* Delighted to see someone take this on. We lost our recycling program the month after Trump took office!

**Linda Dumey**

Wells, Maine

**Linda Grenfell**

Wells, Maine

*Comment:* A small necessary step.

**Joe Hardy**

Wells, Maine

*Comment:* We've recycled since 1974, in various ways. We continue to recycle by using Wells Toan Transfer Station, but sadly we are far from the majority in this town. A more streamlined option, plus less waste produced, is long overdue. While we use our compost material on our gardens, a municipal option would be a huge benefit for others.

**Carole Leblanc**

Wells, Maine

*Comment:* I am one who has lost recycling service from my provider. As a retired person, it is difficult for me to use Wells' transfer center. PLEASE HELP TO RESTORE RECYCLING IN MAINE!!!

**Cheryl Mills**

Wells, Maine

**Jamie Reynolds**

Wells, Maine

**Cynthia Riley**

Wells, Maine

**Molly Thompson**

Wells, Maine

**Megan Walsh**

Wells, Maine

*Comment:* America has go to do something about recycling. Our waste is killing our planet. The nation has to make this a priority,

**Beth Widmayer**

Wells, Maine

**Kathrin Wormwood**

Wells, Maine

**Michelle Donovan**

West Baldwin, Maine

**Vinnedge Lawrence**

West Baldwin, Maine

*Comment:* Producers of recyclables should be required to help support the effort of towns such as mine to effectively recycle while reducing waste.+

**Jordi St. John**

West Bath, Maine

**Mary Ellen Wilson**

West Bath, Maine

**Elizabeth Woodworth**

West Bath, Maine

**Leah Zartarian**

West Bath, Maine

**Betty J Dobson**

West Boothbay Harbor, Maine

**Cassandra Smith**

West Farmington, Maine

*Comment:* We need to make recycling materials mandatory for all areas of Maine with that Mainers need access to public recycle bins throughout all communities as well as affordable pickup service.

**Linda Gomeau**

West Gardiner, Maine

**Victoria Adams**

West Kennebunk, Maine

*Comment:* Let's get back to reusable bags! We can pack them ourselves!

**Emily Hicks**

West Newfield, Maine

*Comment:* About time!

**Barbara Murphy**

West Paris, Maine

*Comment:* Shipping our waste overseas isn't the 'answer, having responsibility to reduce plastic at the source is. We consumers have to do our part as well by shopping differently and choosing products with no additional plastic.

**Kathleen Athearn**

Westbrook, Maine

**Kevin Bernard**

Westbrook, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling programs in Maine are not working effectively to divert the wastestream from landfills. Reforming the collection processes is essential for a system that is flawed. A simple start with a big impact in other states are waste bans on organic materials that can easily be recycled. This should be a no brainer for environmentally conscious Mainers.

**Erin Curren**

Westbrook, Maine

*Comment:* We need this now!

**Martha Goodale**

Westbrook, Maine

**Margaret Hickey**

Westbrook, Maine

**Toby Kilgore**

Westbrook, Maine

*Comment:* Thank you for tackling this incredibly important issue! Maine taxpayers shouldn't have to pick up the tab for products and packaging that we have no control over creating. We need recycling reform so manufacturers take responsibility for designing items to be recyclable and less waste goes into Maine landfills.

**Joanna Leary**

Westbrook, Maine

**Kim Matthews**

Westbrook, Maine

**E. Donald Naber**

Westbrook, Maine

*Comment:* Packaging of products must be reduced by the manufacturers who must be held responsible for the waste they are creating. As consumers there is only so much we can do without them redesigning the packages of so many products.

**Beth Schultz**

Westbrook, Maine

**susan sheloske**

Westbrook, Maine

**Joan Yates**

Westbrook, Maine

**Seth Mirsky**

Westport Island, Maine

**Roger Baston**

Whitefield, Maine

**Virginia Campbell**

Whitefield, Maine

*Comment:* Whitefield is a victim of just this very thing. They no longer can provide recycling for many items. I have the advantage of using the Boothbay dump as well and they have a wonderful recycling program, but I often wonder where it all really goes.

**Carole Cifrino**

Whitefield, Maine

**William Dalke**

Whitefield, Maine

**Robert De Lisle**

Whitefield, Maine

**Mary Dunn**

Whitefield, Maine

**Louisa Gorrill**

Whitefield, Maine

**Stephen Gorrill**

Whitefield, Maine

**Liza Gottlieb**

Whitefield, Maine

**Lise Hanners**

Whitefield, Maine

**Timothy Harkins**

Whitefield, Maine

**Jamie Houghton**

Whitefield, Maine

**Bertie Koller**

Whitefield, Maine

**Scott Mackenney**

Whitefield, Maine

**Anthony Marple**

Whitefield, Maine

**Natasha Mayers**  
Whitefield, Maine

**Susanne Meidel**  
Whitefield, Maine

**Laurie Mullens**  
Whitefield, Maine

*Comment:* Recycling should be mandatory and the powers to be need to figure out how we are going to get it done! Makes me sick that there isn't more done as far as recycling goes.

**Eric Paetow**  
Whitefield, Maine

**Lana Paetow**  
Whitefield, Maine

**Kit Pfeiffer**  
Whitefield, Maine

**Karyn Townsend**  
Whitefield, Maine

**Carolyn Bourdeau**  
Whiting, Maine

**Cynthia Holmes**  
Whiting, Maine

**Rebecca Clark**  
Whitneyville, Maine

*Comment:* It bothers me to think of all the waste I've made in my lifetime. All of us are contributing to mountains of waste but we can turn this around a great deal and, and I hope, eliminate most of this waste by changing how we think about and manage packaging. Extended producer responsibility for packaging is a huge step in the right direction. We need to be introducing people to this at the town level so we can start to turn things around.

**Gary Burke**  
Wilton, Maine

**Barbara O'Reilly**  
Wilton, Maine

*Comment:* Please take steps to prevent us from becoming the trash planet! Your descendants are depending on you.

**Robert O'Reilly**  
Wilton, Maine

*Comment:* Please do the right thing for everyone.

**Nancy Prince**  
Wilton, Maine

**Holly Windle**  
Wilton, Maine

*Comment:* We spend summers in Maine and have been impressed with the transfer station we use in Franklin County (and how the one my family used growing up has changed with the times). But there is a huge cost in money and health for the tremendous amount of packaging and non-reusable materials our country produces.

**Joyce Bailey**  
Windham, Maine

*Comment:* Reducing packaging at the source makes common sense! I have travel to other countries where there is much less packaging, for the same products that we have in this country. Clearly, wasteful packaging is not needed.

**Lucas Bernacki**  
Windham, Maine

**Martha Briggs**  
Windham, Maine

**Sarah Bronson**  
Windham, Maine

**Tallyn Brown**  
Windham, Maine

**John Buckley**  
Windham, Maine

*Comment:* Big Business is not cooperating but instead, is gouging small communities with waste packaging while they maximize their profits! Why did I expect anything less?

**Judith Dickson**  
Windham, Maine

*Comment:* Great zoom yesterday. I used it as part of our homeschool curriculum, but I learned so much as well.

**Rosanne Dombek**  
Windham, Maine

**Ryan Dorland**  
Windham, Maine

*Comment:* As a Maine homeowner, I am in favor of updating recycling programs even at the expense of increased tax burden on corporations and by extension the increased prices of manufactured goods. Often the producers and distributors of goods get off easy and aren't concerned about the downstream impacts of packaging choices. It is time to change that and impose more stringent requirements on packaging throughout the country and state.

**Deirdre Drennen**  
Windham, Maine

**Jeff Dunlop**  
Windham, Maine

**Tania Ferrante**  
Windham, Maine

**Amy Ford**  
Windham, Maine

**Wendy Haskell**  
Windham, Maine

**Todd Martin**  
Windham, Maine  
*Comment:* Maine towns are struggling to afford their recycling. Towns need help!

**Lorrie Marx-Adams**  
Windham, Maine  
*Comment:* The TIME IS NOW for us to pull out all the stops to save our Earth home. This is a great way to motivate manufacturers to do the right thing for the environment. It is unacceptable for manufacturers to continue their use of packaging such as styrofoam. It is time for us to stop production and use of any material that cannot be recycled and reused. There are biodegradable alternatives. We must step up and ensure all materials that are not biodegradable can be recycled. We must educate and make it easy for consumers to recycle.

**Elizabeth Oatley**  
Windham, Maine

**Roger Varney**  
Windham, Maine

**Steve Hoad**  
Windsor, Maine  
*Comment:* I've recycled materials since 1955. This effort only makes sense; if we have to buy things in packages let's have a producer led recycling initiative to help Maine get it done.

**Meg Anzalone**  
Winslow, Maine  
*Comment:* Please pass an extended producer responsibility for packaging law

**Dan Camann**  
Winslow, Maine  
*Comment:* Something has to be done to stop so much waste.

**Peter Garrett**  
Winslow, Maine  
*Comment:* Having manufacturers take responsibility for both their packaging and the recycling of the products they make is a no-brainer. We who purchase their products cannot be expected to figure out how to recycle mixed materials in one item. I understand that German law sets the standard for this kind of manufacturer's responsibility for end of useful life reuse of materials.

**Sally Harwood**  
Winslow, Maine  
*Comment:* Recycling is critical, and more so, reducing packaging at the source. Does a hammer really need a cardboard and plastic wrap?

**Walter Keene**  
Winslow, Maine  
*Comment:* I want us to recycle but I recently heard that it often costs more to recycle a product (such as plastic) than to make it from a raw material source (such as petroleum) so it doesn't work unless the government decides to put a fee on producing the product from the raw material source so that recycled products are competitive. Do you think it will be possible to do this? I do think we are using too much plastic. Elery Keene

**Rhiannon Alley**  
Winter Harbor, Maine

**Gordon Ward**  
Winter Harbor, Maine

**Brenda Moot**  
Winterport, Maine  
*Comment:* Help ME stay beautiful. Make corporations contribute to recycling programs. Pass legislation now!

**Jane Stork**  
Winterport, Maine

**Darrah Wagner**  
Winterport, Maine  
*Comment:* We generate a disproportionate amount of waste in this country due to excess and non-recyclable packaging. It doesn't have to be this way. If producers are required to pay something to enhance recycling there might be a reduction in non-recyclable packaging. Thank you Darrah Wagner

**Portia Hardy**  
Winthrop, Maine

**Kirsten Nunery**  
Winthrop, Maine

**Jean Pidacks**  
Winthrop, Maine

**Gayle Roy**  
Winthrop, Maine

**David Van Twistern**  
Winthrop, Maine

**Chrystine Cromwell**  
Wiscasset, Maine



**Marty Fox**

Wiscasset, Maine

**Nicole Graffam**

Wiscasset, Maine

**Lorna Laughland-Winthrop**

Wiscasset, Maine

*Comment:* Please stores and consumer industries help us to improve the quality of the Earth's environment by providing the consumer with easily recyclable packaging

**Brenda Olcott**

Wiscasset, Maine

**Anna Ridle**

Wiscasset, Maine

**greg woodring**

Wiscasset, Maine

**Terry Hanna**

Woolwich, Maine

**Paula Harvard**

Woolwich, Maine

*Comment:* Fully behind this...far too much packaging and not enough innovation.

**Guy Marsden**

Woolwich, Maine

*Comment:* I am shocked and embarrassed that Maine cannot get about 40% recycling. We need to get this done!

**Robert McHugh-Westfall**

Woolwich, Maine

**Jennifer Oddleifson**

Woolwich, Maine

*Comment:* Needs to happen!

**Ruth Rogers**

Woolwich, Maine

**Violet Wood**

Woolwich, Maine

**Heather Abbott**

Yarmouth, Maine

**Anne Ball**

Yarmouth, Maine

**Arthur Bell**

Yarmouth, Maine

**Bill Carter**

Yarmouth, Maine

**Haley Doan**

Yarmouth, Maine

**Margot Downs**

Yarmouth, Maine

**Susan Ely**

Yarmouth, Maine

**Maya F**

Yarmouth, Maine

*Comment:* I entirely support EPR, and producers taking responsibility for their plastic waste, instead of consumers. We can't help the fact that everything we buy is wrapped in plastic! The problem needs to stop at it's source. Yay for Maine in taking a lead to solve the plastic problem!

**Greg Field**

Yarmouth, Maine

**Sarah Gleason**

Yarmouth, Maine

**Scott Hanson**

Yarmouth, Maine

**Landis Hudson**

Yarmouth, Maine

**Randy Ketchen**

Yarmouth, Maine

*Comment:* if were producing it, we need to be able to recycle it !

**Amanda Lachance**

Yarmouth, Maine

**Jason Lachance**

Yarmouth, Maine

**Will Lachance**

Yarmouth, Maine

**Donald Lennon**

Yarmouth, Maine

**Andrew Mazer**

Yarmouth, Maine

*Comment:* This bill sounds like a commonsense approach to help mitigate the cost of recycling packaging material.

**Roger Nadeau**

Yarmouth, Maine

*Comment:* It is simply unbelievable that recycling is not increasing! Support companies who do recycling AND STOP protecting and supporting Big Oil and Plastics. THIS should be a no brained!! R Nadeau

**Isabella Pardales**

Yarmouth, Maine

**Jaime Stowell**

Yarmouth, Maine

**Sandra Wachholz**

Yarmouth, Maine

*Comment:* Not fostering recycling will lead to long-term costs, such as toxic materials dumped in improper places. Now more than ever, with oceans teeming with plastic, is the time to enhance rather than cut back on recycling.

**Gary Adamowicz**

York, Maine

**Virginia Adamowicz**

York, Maine

**Hilary Clark**

York, Maine

**Laura Creagan**

York, Maine

**Kasi Davies**

York, Maine

**Janet Drew**

York, Maine

**Mark Graziano**

York, Maine

**Dennis Kepner**

York, Maine

**Susan Kepner**

York, Maine

*Comment:* We must reduce and reuse, as well as recycle. They all should be a part of the system to use less plastics. NOW is NOT the time to stop recycling. Perhaps if corporations had to bear some of the burden, they would produce less plastics!!

**Alice Larrea**

York, Maine

**Carol Libby**

York, Maine

**Carrie Mayo**

York, Maine

**Edward McAbee**

York, Maine

*Comment:* Business as usual is not a valid concept

**Alan McDonald**

York, Maine

**David Patton**

York, Maine

**Tarin Quinn**

York, Maine

**Bill Schenck**

York, Maine

**William Schenck**

York, Maine

*Comment:* Corporations really do make it difficult for us to recycle. None of those numbers mean anything. Those numbers are just to make us feel that we are protecting the environment. What they are doing is criminal. Do those people not have children and/or grandchildren?

**Victoria Simon**

York, Maine

**Sally Sulloway**

York, Maine

*Comment:* Thanks for all this info.

**Joseph Yauch**

York, Maine

**James Kences**

York Harbor, Maine

*Comment:* An urgent issue of importance at many levels.. . .

**Beth Bard**

Maine

**Dina Blodgett**

Maine

**Taylor Hickey**

Maine

**Tess McNally**

Maine

*Comment:* New materials are being made, and we need to step up to make sure that we can process them.

**Margie Puglisi**

Maine

*Comment:* Our local community stopped its recycling program due to budget constraints. Its so upsetting that we can no longer participate in this critical environmental endeavor.