June 4, 2021

Senator Luchini and Representative McDonald,

The Deer Isle Selectboard voted 3-0 to support legislation that will help municipalities to reduce waste and improve recycling. LD 1541 for Extended-Producer Responsibility for Packaging has the potential to help us in two ways. Producers will be discouraged from using excessive and non-recyclable packaging, and we will receive financial support that we need to increase our recycling rates.

Solid waste and recycling are among our most costly municipal services and for more than a year our recycling rate has declined due to the very high cost of transporting materials and tipping fees. We want to do more, but the cost is a burden on local tax-payers.

Thank you for considering this and other measures to help Deer Isle.

Sincerely,

Ronald B. Eaton, Selectboard Chair

Peter P. Perez, Selectboard Member

Percy L. Brown, Jr., Selectboard Member