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**In Support of H-6207 – Extended Producer Responsibility For Packaging and Paper Act**

House Environment & Natural Resources Committee

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The Rhode Island Environmental Education Association (RIEEA) supports **H-6207** and respectfully urges its passage.

Single-use packaging contributes to climate change and water pollution, strains the capacity of our central landfill, and creates unsightly and harmful litter. The Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging and Paper Act creates the necessary revenue for education and outreach efforts in the state so that our population can fully understand and avoid the dangerous consequences of single-use packaging. Education is often overlooked as one of the best ways to address the climate crisis and other environmental issues. In fact, strengthening climate education and engagement was identified by scientists as one of six key societal transformations needed to address the climate crisis in a recent paper in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences<sup>1</sup>.

The RIEEA membership includes 69 organizations<sup>2</sup> including Audubon Society of Rhode Island, Save The Bay, the Rhode Island Conservation Districts, and Rhode Island College, as well as over 400 individuals including youth and students. RIEEA's membership and supporters care deeply about Rhode Island's natural places, health, and economic stability. **I encourage you to pass H-6207.**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.pnas.org/content/117/5/2354>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.rieea.org/about-us/organizational-members/>