

In support of H 7910: RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING AND PAPER ACT

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To Chair Bennett and Members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

I submit testimony in support of H 7910. This comprehensive legislation provides strategic and tactical program details to deal with the complex and wide-spread problems of packaged product waste and pollution. This bill is extremely well-conceived and will significantly turn the tide against the colossal damage that packaged product waste is having across RI. The bill also makes it more financially painful for those producers who don't follow the law by fining them for disregarding the law.

Creating, implementing and enforcing enhanced producer responsibilities for the products these companies manufacture and that are sold/used in RI is much overdue. These same producers **MUST** be made responsible and own the lifecycle of the products they make. H 7910 will make a huge difference in reducing the waste and pollution of these products across RI (to our land, water, and the accelerated demise of the central landfill).

I commend the sponsors of H 7910. The bill is exceptionally thorough, implementable, and practical. It's exactly what RI residents want and need from their legislators. Please advance the bill for a full house vote this session.

Thank you,

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