



May 27, 2026

The Honorable David A. Bennett
Chair, House Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Rhode Island State House, Room 203
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Rhode Island House Bill 7911

Dear Chair Bennett and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the PET Resin Association (PETRA)¹, the non-profit industry association representing North American producers of polyethylene terephthalate (PET), I want to express our support for Rhode Island House Bill 7911. PETRA members support public recycling programs and have identified that well designed Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) policy that strengthens quality collection and recycling is a critical ingredient to achieving a circular economy.

PETRA members have invested billions in recycling assets and the only way for these assets to be fully utilized in support of a circular economy is for legislation such as this to be enacted. An enhanced collection infrastructure is the only way to ensure that adequate material is consistently available to support the existing mechanical recycling industry. Without a reliable source of material, the industry is in jeopardy and the goals and mandates for recycled content will not be met. The evidence clearly shows that well crafted EPR policy will increase collection, raise recycling rates, increase employment in the recycling industry, and restore valuable materials into the economy.

Thank you for your continued leadership on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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¹ Our members include APG Polytech USA Holdings, Inc., Alpek Polyester, and Indorama Ventures. Together we represent the largest PET producers in the U.S.