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Good afternoon Honorable Chair Bennett and honorable members:

I apologize for not being able to attend yesterday's hearing. I ask this committee to support H7911 EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING AND PAPER ACT.

I am a town councilor for the town of East Greenwich and we are planning to pass a resolution supporting this bill. Repeatedly, we have heard from producers that they cannot be responsible for the waste their products create. However in doing so, they ask the taxpayers of my town and around the state to bear the financial responsibility. Waste/litter from these products instead of being recycled like in the four of the six states of New England, are instead clogging our roads and ending up in our wastewater treatment facilities. The same producers who profit from selling and promoting items, should also bear some responsibility for their waste. This is also a business opportunity. I ask this body and the General Assembly: why should taxpayers wholly bear the burden of this expense? I would also point out that the League of Cities and Towns supports this bill. At a time of great municipal financial strain, I ask you to support H7911.

Thank you for your work and your time.

Yours

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