

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 0222:

Environment - Reducing Packaging Materials - Producer Responsibility

TO: Members of the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee.

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I support SENATE BILL 0222 extending producer responsibility.

Like many states, Maryland needs to move forward in establishing extended producer responsibility for packaging materials. We need creative new ways to tackle waste and pollution and negative externalities, and my values and Unitarian Universalist faith demand that the burdens of those efforts fall on the companies responsible, not purely the consumer and local governments.

For these reasons and more, I urge a favorable report on SENATE BILL 0222.

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