

## SB901 – Environment - Packaging and Paper Products - Producer Responsibility Plans House Environment and Transportation Committee March 27, 2025

Position: Favorable

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the Committee,

Clean Water Action supports SB901 to establish an Extended Producer Responsibility program for packaging and paper products in the state.

Extended Producer Responsibility can be an effective strategy for reducing unsustainable packaging waste and substituting packaging that can be recycled or composted when possible. The bill requires that producers of packaging materials, individually or as part of a producer responsibility organization, submit a packaging material producer responsibility plan to MDE for review, and every 5 years thereafter.

As amended in the Senate, the bill included environmental and health impacts of packaging and accepted good definitions for recycling and responsible end markets.

We appreciate the work Senator Augustine and the workgroup put into EPR over the last few years to create this version of the bill.

We urge a favorable report.

Best.

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