

February 14, 2025

Testimony in Support of SB901, Environment - Packaging Materials - Producer Responsibility Plans

Position: Favorable

Dear Chair Feldman and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

As a community volunteer actively engaged in environmental sustainability efforts and a member of the Zero Waste Team in my community, I am urging support for this producer responsibility legislation.

The bill would require certain producers of packaging materials, individually or as part of a producer responsibility organization, to submit a packaging materials producer responsibility plan to the Department of the Environment for review and approval on or before April 1, 2027, and every five years thereafter.

Packaging is adding an increasing amount of material to our overburdened waste system and needs to be reduced. The plans called for in this legislation will be a step toward reaching that goal. Producers play an essential role in reducing waste, and producer responsibility plans will incentivize waste reduction efforts and good stewardship of packaging materials.

I urge a favorable vote on SB901.

Sincerely,

Tom Taylor
11-G Laurel Hill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-513-9524