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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association In Support of

LD 1431– *Resolve to Support Municipal Recycling Programs*

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Senator Carson, Representative Tucker and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. My name is Rebecca Graham and I am testifying in support of LD 1431, *Resolve To Support Municipal Recycling Programs*, on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association (MMA) and at the direction of our 70-member Legislative Policy Committee.

The cost of recycling has skyrocketed forcing not only Maine communities, but municipalities nationwide to abandon curbside recycling efforts to stem huge price increases that fall on the property taxpayer. Municipal officials support LD 1431 as a step in the right direction towards accepting the economic impracticality of recycling and beginning to address the plastic pollution problem by focusing on the source of this material while asking producers to be part of the solution.

For this reason, municipal officials support LD 1431.