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In follow up to our previous letter sent on July 17, 2025, we would like to again address the misinformation that plastics and other grocery store disposables are not recyclable. We provided a list of grocery store recyclables in our previous letter that we accept daily and effectively recycle. If Ecology continues down the path of claiming that these items are not recyclable it will greatly impact the sustainability of our non-profit MRF that supports drug and alcohol addicted individuals looking to get a new start in life.

If Ecology feels that these items are not recyclable, instead of changing rules to allow them to knowingly be landfilled and / or contaminate the food waste stream, Ecology should be focusing their efforts on creating new rules for larger MRF's to slow their process and ensure they are effectively capturing the vast majority of what they receive and what they claim is recyclable based on their acceptance list.

If you look at any solid waste collection contract acceptance lists in the regions of which we operate, in addition to County acceptance lists, 'food packaging' items are recyclable and accepted. Key-Works also has direct contracts with large retailers, grocery stores, government entities, among others and if Ecology unilaterally changes what is acceptable in recycling it will negatively impact our contracts.

We ask that Ecology eliminate *any practice* of accepting garbage in a recycling program. Not only will it lead to more landfill waste and a reduction in recyclables impacting state goals, it will also contaminate the food waste stream and contaminate recycling.



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