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I am responding to the issue of depackaging that was the topic of an article in the Seattle Times on July 20th. The concern is that the rule language proposed would allow practices that would increase the amount of microplastics in food waste while contaminating the packaging and preventing its potential for recycling. The article cited the proposed regulations in Vermont as a better alternative to those in Washington's proposal.

I live in Olympia Washington and must pay Ridwell to recycle plastics that are not accepted by other recycling services. A rule that effectively reduces the clean plastic available for recycling probably will impact the market and further reduce recycling options. Please consider changing the rules to minimize microplastic contamination and maximize the recycling of packaging. Thank you.