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I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Preliminary Assessment for the Packaging Waste and Cost Reduction Act. I strongly support the Act's requirement that all packaging be refillable, reusable, recyclable, or compostable by 2032. This will make a large impact in reducing waste. I especially appreciate the emphasis on producer responsibility.

I would like to encourage MPCA to prioritize making recycling and composting more accessible. This could be done by providing more curbside recycling and composting options to rural communities, where people typically rely on drop-off sites. I also think there is a need to educate the public on the importance of sustainability, as well as steps that can be taken to live more mindfully of the environment. I would even recommend making a sustainability course a graduation requirement so that young adults are equipped to make responsible choices. Prioritizing accessibility and education will make sustainability more normalized, especially in rural communities.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

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