Kick Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging Out of the State Budget

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is not a Budgetary Issue, it’s a Policy Question. It should be removed from the budget and dealt with as part of the regular legislative session.

What is EPR for Packaging?
A set of policies that require companies to take financial and environmental responsibility for the products they put on the market.

We Have to Get it Right.
There are two active proposals in New York State: Governor Hochul’s budget proposal, and Senator Kaminsky’s bill S.1185C. Both are deficient. Significant problems include:
- Placing packaging companies themselves in charge of creating packaging standards.
- Failing to include performance requirements to reduce packaging or achieve high recycling rates.
- Defining recycling in a way that allows for the burning of plastics.
- Failing to phase out the use of priority toxic chemicals.

Assembly Environmental Committee Chair Englebright is introducing bills that get EPR right.
The two bills will:
- Reduce packaging,
- Ban plastic burning,
- Create requirements for refillable containers, recyclability, and recycled content,
- Hold companies accountable for investing in recycling and reuse infrastructure,
- Provide taxpayers relief from the financial burden of dealing with packaging waste,
- Remove toxics from packaging, and
- Expand New York’s 40-year-old successful “bottle bill” to require deposits on non-carbonated beverages, wine, and liquor and increase the deposit to a dime.

Committee Chair Englebright’s EPR bills are comprehensive, environmentally-sound, and carefully planned. They stand to serve as national models, and they deserve your support.

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After April 1st, the State Legislature Can Work on Effective EPR and Expanded Bottle Bills.

Let’s Do It Right—Reduce Waste and Plastic Pollution Contaminating Our Environment.