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Elected Officials for the State of Oregon,

PakTech is an Oregon Corporation focused on manufacturing market demanded products made from 100% recycled materials (rHDPE) and ending up with a product that itself is 100% recyclable. In 2020 alone, we utilized over 22 million pounds of rHDPE (equivalent of over 165 million milk containers) used to create the next generation of recycled products. Since PakTech elected to begin utilizing rHDPE in 2012, we have repurposed over 630 million milk containers in the production of our products, which have been shipped around the globe.

In 1998 PakTech had just over 50 employees and now has 360, fully benefited employees. We pride ourselves on providing our employees a living wage with a benefits package that is top tier for our industry. We truly believe in being a positive influence in our community and in our State.

Through extensive work PakTech has learned how to create the logistics required to locate and assemble the base recycled materials to support our manufacturing process. Unfortunately, these sources are in Vancouver, British Columbia and Los Angeles, California – not in Oregon. This means that we resort to sourcing recycled material that should be readily available in Oregon from areas that have already made the investment in infrastructure necessary to modernize their recycling programs.

Because the language in these bills is still being revised, we have not had an opportunity to fully review the final product. As a matter of principle, we would whole heartedly support legislation that:

- Directly leads to the foundation for a private/public partnership that fosters the creation of regional infrastructure needed to sort waste streams into economically desired material streams.
- Creates educational resources explaining how to recycle and the importance of managing contaminants in the recycle stream.
- Establishes reasonable timelines, accountability and transparency for all parties engaged in the efforts stemming from such legislation.
- Establishes a program to prevent and control litter.

In summary, we applaud the efforts taken thus far by the State of Oregon to chart a path forward for the modernization of the recycling infrastructure within our State. We offer our support of the proposed legislation as long as we are convinced this legislation has a meaningful pace and can realistically accomplish the objectives outlined above.

Best regards,

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