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425 Rep. John Lewis Way N.
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Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Senator Campbell,

Thank you for your leadership on significant packaging and recycling legislation in Tennessee.

The Sustainable Food Policy Alliance (SFPA), including member companies Danone North America, Mars Incorporated, Nestlé USA, and Unilever United States, seeks to accelerate the pace of change in the food industry through individual company leadership and collective support for public policies that raise the bar and inspire further action in this critical journey. As part of this platform, we are focused on finding policy solutions that transform our nation's current waste management and recycling systems. Our advocacy is outlined in our [Packaging and Recycling Policy Priorities](#) and supplemented by our [Extended Producer Responsibility \(EPR\) Policy Priorities](#) and our [Post-Consumer Recycled \(PCR\) Content Policy Priorities](#). Within our own companies, we are investing in improving recycling systems around the world, innovating our packaging design, and collaborating with suppliers, local communities, and retail customers to advance forward-looking solutions that help our consumers make a difference and impact the planet. We know it is essential for stakeholders – from global companies to state lawmakers – to come together to make end-to-end system changes that will truly transform our waste management system into a circular economy.

SFPA is broadly supportive of EPR programs around the world, and we applaud SB 573 / HB 550, Tennessee Waste Reduction and Recycling Act. The bill represents a responsibly structured EPR scheme that draws upon principles underpinning successful EPR programs worldwide, but also addresses the specific needs in Tennessee. Our only concern with the legislation is that it includes several provisions related to litter, a topic that we believe is best addressed under separate legislation which would allow the current bill to maintain its focus on developing a robust EPR program.

Despite this concern, we know that passing this bill will take us another step closer to a waste and recycling future where companies like ours can set and meet ambitious packaging and recycling goals, consumers are educated to better navigate their local recycling systems, and we can all be better stewards of the environment.

We truly appreciate your work on this issue, and we look forward to working with you to continue to progress toward a more circular economy in Tennessee.

Sincerely,

The Sustainable Food Policy Alliance