

December 17, 2025

The Honorable Randy Weber
U.S. House of Representatives
107 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Weber,

The American Institute for Packaging and the Environment (AMERIPEN) commends you for introducing the Packaging and Claims Knowledge (PACK) Act, addressing the inconsistency of state laws surrounding recyclable, compostable, and reusable claims on consumer packaging.

AMERIPEN represents the entire packaging value chain, advocating for responsible packaging policies that drive meaningful progress in packaging sustainability while supporting industry growth and consumer needs. As the leading voice for packaging policy in the United States, AMERIPEN works with legislators, regulators, and stakeholders to develop science-based, data-driven solutions that enhance packaging's role in product protection and circularity.

Packaging plays a vital role in the United States, ensuring the quality of consumer goods as they are manufactured, shipped, stored, and consumed, protecting the health and safety of U.S. citizens who consume, use, and handle those products. Packaging has value and none of it belongs in landfills, roadsides, or waterways. We need to recover it to be recycled, composted and reused, and no one knows better how to do that than the AMERIPEN members who design, supply, produce, distribute, collect, and process packaging. Our members are driving innovation by designing packaging for better environmental performance to boost circularity and to modernize our nation's recycling, composting, and reuse infrastructure.

According to a 2021 survey conducted by John Dunham & Associates, the U.S. packaging industry contributes roughly \$538 billion in total economic output to the national economy and is responsible for supporting nearly 1.7 million jobs. These workers earn over \$117 billion in wages and benefits, and members of the industry and their employees pay an estimated \$43 billion in direct federal, state, and local taxes.

AMERIPEN strongly supports the creation of the PACK Act, which creates a federal framework under the Federal Trade Commission for making recyclable, compostable, and reusable claims on consumer packaging.

We appreciate how this legislation will replace the confusing patchwork of state regulations, helping businesses provide accurate and transparent information across state lines. By reducing consumer confusion and enabling informed choices, the PACK Act will promote proper management of packaging materials at end-of-life, diverting them from landfills and advancing a circular economy.

We greatly appreciate your leadership on the PACK Act and will continue to support your efforts to get this critical legislation enacted.

Sincerely,

Lynn M. Dyer

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President