Emerson Levy STATE REPRESENTATIVE House District 53



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Levy, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak about HB 3780. I am committed to advancing policies that promote sustainability while also supporting businesses, and this bill is aimed at achieving that balance.

Including newspapers in the current producer responsibility laws places an unnecessary burden on an industry that is already facing significant challenges in the modern digital age. By removing the inclusion of newspapers from packaging, printing and writing paper, and food serviceware producer responsibility laws, this bill ensures that we can focus on the materials that require the most attention without overburdening those industries that are already addressing recycling and waste management in their own ways.

This bill removes the requirement for these producers to comply with laws that do not align with the unique nature of their business. This targeted approach ensures we can better allocate resources toward tackling larger, more impactful recycling challenges and reduce unnecessary compliance costs for businesses.

We need to take a commonsense approach in regulating waste and recycling. HB 3780 is a step in the right direction, as it allows us to streamline our regulations and better allocate resources toward materials and industries that most need our attention.

Thank you,

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