

# EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

## EPR FOR PACKAGING



**PROBLEM** Packaging waste is clogging our waterways and worsening climate change. Most plastic packaging is not recyclable and taxpayers get stuck with the cost.

**SOLUTION** Strong and transparent EPR can be used to solve the growing problem of packaging waste and plastic pollution, but only if we get the details right and hold companies accountable.

**RISK** Passing a weak, ineffective bill, such as New York Governor Hochul's budget proposal, will prevent the progress we need.

## 6 RESPONSIBILITIES OF EFFECTIVE EPR

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**1** **Reduce Packaging**  
Companies are required to reduce their packaging, transition to reuse, and ensure their remaining packaging is easily recyclable.

**2** **Eliminate Toxics From Packaging**  
Companies are required to remove toxics from their packaging and use safer alternatives.

**3** **EPR + Bottle Bill: Better Together**  
New York's successful Bottle Bill should be expanded to include non-carbonated beverages, wine, and liquor, and the deposit should be raised to 10 cents.

**4** **No Burning Plastics**  
Must prohibit all types of plastic burning including chemical recycling, advanced recycling, incineration, waste to energy, gasification, and pyrolysis.

**5** **Strong Oversight and Accountability**  
The State Environmental Agency sets rules and fees, and oversee the program. Companies do not control the program.

**6** **Taxpayer Relief**  
Companies pay fees based on how difficult it is to recycle their packaging and whether it contains recycled content. Fees compensate taxpayers for recycling costs and fund reuse and recycling infrastructure.

