



“To promote a zero-waste society that advocates for **reducing waste, sustainably reusing resources and less landfill use.”**

April 11, 2024

Senate Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee

SF 3561 (Morrison); Packaging Waste and Cost Reduction Act

Dear Chair Hawj and Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee Members:

The Minnesota Resource Recovery Association (MRRA) represents 1/3 of Minnesota counties in their solid waste management and recycling needs. MRRA supports the goals of SF 3561, the Packaging Waste and Cost Reduction Act to significantly reduce waste going to landfills by reducing packaging waste, increasing reusable packaging, and moving us beyond the stagnant recycling rates we have been seeing for many years.

MRRA supports a bill that:

- Requires producers of packaging and paper products help solve the waste problems they created and left for our facilities to manage;
- Brings various members of the waste industry, local government, and community representatives to the table to help develop solutions; and
- Contains strong agency oversight and enforcement capacity to assure the producers follow through as required in SF 3561.

MRRA appreciates Senator Morrison’s willingness to continue working on the bill and is happy to provide additional information, resources, or discussion on this important topic. You can reach me at 612=747-4996 or steve@popedoulgasrecycle.com

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Vrchota".

Steve Vrchota
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