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Dear Mr. Szaky & Ms. Gutmann,


We write to commend UPS and TerraCycle on their latest partnership to roll out Loop as a new reusable and returnable system for managing consumer product packaging. Consumer reliance on single-use packaging puts an incredible strain on the environment, and innovative approaches like Loop will have a distinct impact on reducing that pressure. We admire the creativity and initiative shown by this partnership to improve the ease and efficiency of recycling and to improve the accessibility of eco-friendly behavior.

We would like to request that you consider Portland, Oregon as a site to pilot this program as you move toward full implementation in consumer markets. Oregon is recognized as a leader in sustainability, especially in our largest city of Portland. Portland makes an excellent candidate to test the Loop system, as the citizens of Oregon have repeatedly demonstrated a strong commitment to recycling and have consistently supported efforts to better manage our waste. Implementing Loop in Portland would help the state make strides towards Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality's 2050 Vision for Materials Management.

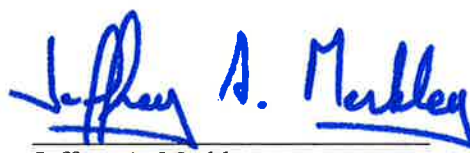
In the year since China implemented its ban on recyclable waste products, including recyclable paper and plastics, Oregon residents have been very concerned what this means to them locally. In the face of changes in the recycling market, representatives from the recycling industry and local governments have been experimenting with new regulations and pushing education efforts. This is an example of the Oregon Way - in the face of tough problems, Oregonians work together to find solutions.

Our constituents are resilient and remain committed to finding solutions to waste management that will ultimately be better for our planet. The eco-conscious community that is present in Oregon makes a city like Portland an excellent pilot for Loop. We are eager to build domestic markets to accommodate our waste and to help support our recycling market in the face of challenges in the industry. We ask that you help us meet those challenges by considering Portland, Oregon as a pilot city for Loop.

Sincerely,




Ron Wyden
United States Senator



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