

October 27, 2025

Re: Please Cosponsor S. 2110, the REUSE Act of 2025

Dear Senators,

As organizations committed to reducing plastic pollution, building the circular economy and saving natural resources, we urge you to cosponsor the [Research for Environmental Uses and Sustainable Economies \(REUSE\) Act of 2025](#)¹. This bipartisan commonsense legislation would direct the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to conduct a feasibility study on reuse and refill systems in different sectors, such as consumer packaging, personal care products, and wholesale shipping of retail goods.

Every day the equivalent of [2000 garbage trucks full of plastic waste](#)² are released into the world's oceans and waterways. It is a global crisis that alters entire ecosystems, kneecaps our ability to fight climate change, and affects the health and livelihoods of millions of people. Of the 40 million tons of plastic waste generated in the U.S. in 2021, [only 5% to 6% — or about two million tons — was recycled](#)³. In response to this, more Americans are rejecting single-use plastic and looking to embrace reusable alternatives for packaging, foodware, and shipping. Reuse offers a pathway to systemic change, preventing the crisis from worsening and building a more sustainable economy. This can include reusable to-go containers, shampoo bottles, cleaning products or shipping boxes.

Reuse also delivers meaningful economic benefits. U.S. communities currently spend [\\$11.5 billion on litter cleanups each year, with food service packaging accounting for 67% of that cost](#).⁴ Reuse systems reduce these costs while also creating jobs. Reuse programs can [generate](#) over 30 times more jobs⁵ than disposal facilities, which is more than double the number created by recycling.

Importantly, the REUSE Act also directs the EPA to assess how local, state, and federal governments can support reuse and refill systems, and to evaluate workforce development opportunities. This critical data will help stakeholders harness the environmental benefits and economic potential of reuse and refill systems.

[Reusable packaging is a proven solution to the plastic pollution crisis](#).⁶ It offers the lowest carbon footprint of any packaging option, reduces costs for communities, and creates local jobs. This legislation offers a practical, bipartisan step toward protecting the environment, human health, and the economy at the same time.

We respectfully urge you to cosponsor the REUSE Act of 2025.

Sincerely,

¹ <https://www.merkley.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/REUSE-Act.pdf>

² <https://www.unep.org/plastic-pollution>

³ https://www.lastbeachcleanup.org/_files/ugd/dba7d7_9450ed6b848d4db098de1090df1f9e99.pdf

⁴ <https://upstreamolutions.org/reuse-vs-single-use-economics>

⁵ <https://upstreamolutions.org/reuse-vs-single-use-economics>

⁶ https://www.breakfreefromplastic.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Making-reuse-a-reality-report_GPPC.pdf

Sign-ons as of Oct. 27, 2025

5 Gyres Institute
ACORN Partners in Education
A ZERO WASTE CULTURE
ACS-Accelerate Climate Solutions
Ahimsa
Alaska Community Action on Toxics
Alliance for Mission-Based Recycling
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
American Bird Conservancy
Anacostia Riverkeeper
Aquarium Conservation Partnership
Ascendance Sustainable Events
Association of Massachusetts Bird Clubs
Association of Oregon Recyclers
Atrium 916-Creative Innovation Center for Sustainability
Austin Reuse Coalition
B Sustainable
Bainbridge Island Zero Waste
Banyan Botanicals
Between the Waters
Bird Conservation Network
Blue Heron Botanicals
Blue Ocean Warriors
Bold Reuse
Breast Cancer Prevention Partners
Broward Clean Air
Business Performance Improvement
BYOCT
Cafeteria Victories
California Communities Against Toxics
California Product Stewardship Council
Center for Biological Diversity
Center for Coalfield Justice
Center for International Environmental Law
Center for Science in the Public Interest
Central Lakes College Natural Resources Club
Central Oregon Environmental Center
Cherokee Concerned Citizens
Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN) Action Fund

Circular Philadelphia
Clean Fairfax
Clean Miami Beach
Clean Water Action
Climate Cycle
Climate Reality Project - Chicago Metro Chapter
Climate Reality Project, North Broward and Palm Beach County, FL Chapter
Coalition for Outreach, Policy & Education (COPE) - Tompkins County
Coast to Cascades Bird Alliance
CupZero
Debris Free Oceans
Defend Our Health
Delaware Audubon
Design By Freedom, LLC.
Earth Ethics, Inc.
EARTHDAY.ORG
ECHO Systems
Eco Lizard AZ LLC
EcoAction Arlington
Eco-Cycle
Elder Climate Action of the Twin Cities
Eldorado/285 Recycles
Enlightened Solutions
Environmental Paper Network North America
Escape The Waste
Eureka Recycling
GearedForGreen
Glen Ellyn School District 41
Go Green Vernon Hills & Lincolnshire
Gradible
Grazing Reform Project
Green Dolphin Project Global
GreenEducation.US
Greenpeace USA
Habitat Recovery Project
Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate
Hilton Head Audubon
Hispanic Access Foundation
Illinois Environmental Council
Inland Ocean Coalition
Inner Loop Working Group
Institute for Local Self-Reliance

It's Easy Being Green
Just Zero
Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce
Leave No Trace- Cleaner California Coast Initiative
Lexington Green Teams
Lexington Zero Waste Collaborative
Lynnhaven River NOW (LRNow)
Maine Resource Recovery Association (MRRA)
Mankato Area Zero Waste and Beyond Plastics Mankato Area
Marin Sanitary Service
Micah Six Eight Mission
Minnesota Zero Waste Coalition
Minnow Technologies
MN Coalition for Plastic Reduction
MT Plastic Free Missoula
Mukwa
Muuse
Nassau Hiking & Outdoor Club
National Aquarium
National Recycling Coalition
National Stewardship Action Council
Nebraska Recycling Council
Nevada County Climate Action Now
New Hampshire Audubon
Next 100 Coalition
North Shore Unitarian Church Green Team
Northeast Metro Climate Action
Northern California Recycling Association
Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society
Ocean Conservancy
Ocean Conservation Research
Oceana
OGS Tournaments, LLC
OKAPI Reusables
Organizing for Plastic Alternatives
Oysterable Co. Ltd.
Pacific Environment
Paddle Out Plastic
Palatine Cool Cities Environmental Team
People Over Petro Coalition
People's Economic and Environmental Resiliency Group
Perpetual

Physician and Scientist Network Addressing Plastics and Health (P-SNAP)

Pittsburghers Against single Use Plastic (PASUP)

Plastic Free Marin

Plastic Pollution Coalition

Plastic Reduction Alliance

Preserve

r.World

Race to Zero Waste

Recirclable

Recycle Ann Arbor

Recycle Hawaii

Reduce Waste Chicago

Repair x Reuse WA

Responsible Alpha

Rethink Waste Project

Reuse Alliance

Reuse Minnesota

Revino

Revolusation Inc.

RNV Sustainability Consulting

Rockbridge Bird Club

Rockbridge Conservation

Salem Audubon Society

San Antonio Bay Estuarine Waterkeeper

Sea of Life

Seven Generations Ahead

Shareable

Sheffield Saves

South Jersey Artist Collective

South Shore Audubon Society

Southeast Iowa Sierra Club group

St Luke Presbyterian Church

Surfrider Foundation

Sustainable Finger Lakes

Sustainable Sharon Coalition

Tamalpais NatureWorks

The Last Beach Cleanup

The Last Plastic Straw

Think Zero LLC

Town of Lloyd Environmental Conservation Council

Tucson Climate Action Network

Turtle Island Restoration Network

Uber-clean
Untangling Plastics
Upstream
Valley Improvement Projects
Value Economy
Waste Management Society of UWSP
We ReUse
WeHateToWaste.com
Wellbeing Economy Alliance CA
West Marin Food Systems
WeUse Innovations Inc.
Wildbird Recovery, Inc.
Zero Waste Hawai'i Island
Zero Waste Sonoma
Zero Waste Strategies
Zero Waste Washington