

June 29, 2022

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
Chairman
House of Representatives Committee
on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Ranking Member
House of Representatives Committee
on Energy and Commerce
2322 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Pallone and Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers:

I write on behalf of Tetra Pak U.S. and Canada to offer our support for draft legislation before the Committee this week. We are pleased that the Committee on Energy and Commerce will be considering the *Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act* and the *Recycling and Composting Accountability Act*, and we support further development of both through markup.

Tetra Pak is the world's leading food processing and carton packaging solutions company with over 1,500 employees and \$1.2 billion in net sales in the U.S. and Canada. Our company was founded on the idea that a package should save more than it costs, and we believe that science, technology, and innovation are essential contributors to a global food system (including packaging) that is resilient, safe, and sustainable. To that end, we work tirelessly to drive circular solutions for our aseptic carton packages that extend the shelf-life of essential foods and deliver end to end solutions to enable healthy diets for a healthy planet.

We also work closely with the Carton Council, an industry organization committed to growing carton recycling in the U.S. With our carton industry partners, Tetra Pak has helped increase carton recycling access from 18% of U.S. households in 2009 to more than 60% access today (71 million households).

Through this collaboration with other carton manufacturers, we have seen firsthand what is necessary to improve the recycling system in the U.S. It is critical that federal standards for recycling are created, that federal investments are made in recycling infrastructure, and that domestic end markets for recycled materials are incentivized.

In 2021, Tetra Pak offered recommendations on these subjects to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, and we are gratified to see many of them incorporated into the legislation now before the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

We encourage continued consideration of these measures and efforts to support carton recycling as the bills proceed to markup. We stand ready to serve as an additional resource and to support the Committee as it continues its important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Harris", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eric Harris

Director of Government Relations and Public Affairs, U.S. and Canada