UNIFORMITY of COMMERCE

for Auxiliary Containers Supports Consumer Choice & A Healthy State Economy

When everyday products--like paper cups, grocery bags, to-go containers and soft-drink bottles--are regulated inconsistently within the state, it creates costly problems for Minnesota consumers, working families, retailers, and manufacturers.

Adopting statewide uniformity for auxiliary containers is a way to ensure consumer choice and options, protect against patchwork regulation, and support thousands of American manufacturing jobs.

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- State-level uniformity for auxiliary container regulations will limit the chaos of regulatory patchworks for shoppers, stores, markets and manufacturers--ensuring the same rules apply across Minnesota. For certain issues and industries, it only makes sense for regulations to be consistent.
- Businesses that operate statewide, and purchase large quantities of products, depend on regulatory consistency (including product-specific thickness and composition regulations) to achieve economies of scale, which translate into consumer savings.
- Uniformity acts as acheck on unnecessary red tape and guarantees regulatory clarity, both of which are important to a healthy state economy.
- Local control is fundamentally about protecting individual options. Local retailers are best suited to make the right decisions for their customers, their community, and themselves.

SUPPORTED BY:

- Minnesota Retailers Association
- Minnesota Restaurant Association
- Minnesota Grocers Association
- Minnesota Beverage Association
- Minnesota Petroleum Marketers Association
- Minnesota Service Station & Convenience Store Association
- Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association
- Midwest Hardware Association
- Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
- National Federation of Independent Business
- American Chemistry Council
- American Forest & Paper Association
- American Progressive Bag Alliance
- Foodservice Packaging Institute

States with Container Uniformity

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