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Hi Alex!

It was fantastic to see you as always. You are the best fun-raiser and fundraiser!

I have some questions from our meeting on the 20th:

- The proposed included polycoated cartons and paper cups, would freezer packaging/boxes fall under that category?
- Can DEQ provide clarification on "plastic packaging that fit loosely in provided on-route collection containers"? Does that mean that is small enough to fit into the container?
- Plastic nursery pots are under consideration but are currently included in communities in the Portland metro area - if it isn't officially included, will local governments still be able to keep those on their collection lists?
- Thermoform packaging is under consideration, but I heard at the conference that the chances of those being included are very low. Can DEQ provide additional information on why it most likely won't be included? From the residential perspective, there seems to be a large need to collect these. Is this a responsible end markets issue?
- The underutilization of depots was mentioned in the meeting and I also heard some folks at the conference talk about this issue in rural areas. What are the plans to address this?
- Why is equity in this work slated to be discussed in 2024 and why hasn't it been addressed from the beginning of this process?
- It is my understanding that future PROs are only required to do what is under law, but reuse is not addressed and it will be up to them to choose to include reuse options over recycling (thinking mainly mattresses). Is there any recourse to add reuse language? Secondly, can PRO funding for single-use packaging be directed to support groups that are working on reuse packaging options such as Bold Reuse or Okapi - similar to how Seattle Public Utilities is investing in this through their Reuse Seattle program?

Thank you!

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