

# Resources from Panelists – *The Story of Plastic*

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## Websites

Beyond Plastics: [www.beyondplastics.org](http://www.beyondplastics.org)

Bottle Bill.org: <http://www.bottlebill.org/>

Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL): <https://www.ciel.org/issues/plastic/>

Conservation Law Foundation (CLF): [www.clf.org](http://www.clf.org)

CLF Ending Plastic Pollution campaign: <https://www.clf.org/making-an-impact/ending-plastic-pollution/>

Container Recycling Institute (CRI): <http://www.container-recycling.org/>

Greenpeace Fighting Plastic Pollution campaign:

<https://www.greenpeace.org/usa/issues/fighting-plastic-pollution/>

Plastic Bag Laws: [plasticbaglaws.org](http://plasticbaglaws.org)

Story of Plastic: [storyofplastic.org](http://storyofplastic.org)

Story of Stuff: [storyofstuff.org](http://storyofstuff.org)

## Films and videos

Carbonlite Closed-Loop Plastic Bottle Recycling plant tour:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vAr4BZM\\_Tzk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vAr4BZM_Tzk)

Container Recycling Institute art installation (beverage containers used by an average person annually): <https://vimeo.com/229742598>

Deposit Return: How it Works (Reloop deposit return animations):

Long version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OYn6vTQTXQY>

Short version: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8Z-otTQ\\_b8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8Z-otTQ_b8)

Plastic Pollution Virtual Film Series:

<https://beyondplastics.org/article/plastic-pollution-film-series/>

The Plastic Problem: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/the-plastic-problem>

Plastic Wars: <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/plastic-wars/>

The Story of Stuff: <https://storyofstuff.org/movies/story-of-stuff/>

## Webinars

Container Recycling Institute:

<http://www.container-recycling.org/index.php/home/webinars>

## Legislation

Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging legislation (proposed, Maine):

<https://mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1500&item=1&snum=129><sup>1</sup>

Federal Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act (H.R.5845, S.3263):

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/5845?r=84&s=1>

Video on sponsors' introduction of the bill: <https://www.surfrider.org/coastal-blog/entry/federal-break-free-from-plastic-pollution-act-introduced>

Model local bill - the "Plastics Trifecta" (foam food containers, plastic bags, plastic straws):

<https://beyondplastics.org/article/the-plastics-trifecta-sample-bill-language/>

Northeast Recycling Council (NERC) and Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NWMOA). 2020. "White Paper on Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging and Paper Products." April:<sup>2</sup>

[http://www.newmoa.org/solidwaste/EPR\\_for\\_PPP\\_White\\_Paper.pdf](http://www.newmoa.org/solidwaste/EPR_for_PPP_White_Paper.pdf)

## Articles & Blogs

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Collins, Susan. 2017. "Cullet Comparisons," *Resource Recycling*. February. <https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2017/03/02/cullet-comparisons/>

Conservation Law Foundation blog on EPR for packaging in Maine: <https://www.clf.org/blog/recycling-reform-producer-responsibility-maine-pollution/>

Gardiner, Beth. 2019. "The Plastics Pipeline: A Surge of New Production is on the Way." *Yale 360*. Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies: <https://e360.yale.edu/features/the-plastics-pipeline-a-surge-of-new-production-is-on-the-way>

Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association/Northeast Recycling Council. "Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging and Paper Products: The Basics." [http://www.newmoa.org/solidwaste/NEWMOA\\_PPP\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.newmoa.org/solidwaste/NEWMOA_PPP_flyer.pdf)

"Planet or Plastic?" *National Geographic*, July 2018 Issue

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<sup>1</sup> "This bill is the outcome of deliberation by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee in the Maine Legislature. CLF recommends several changes to improve the bill." (John Hite, CLF)

<sup>2</sup> "This is a great resource for legislators interested in a frank analysis/comparison of various EPR laws recently under consideration." (John Hite, CLF)

Wilkins, Matt. 2018. "More Recycling Won't Solve Plastic Pollution," *Scientific American*, July 6: <https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/more-recycling-wont-solve-plastic-pollution/>

## Reports

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Greenpeace. 2020. *Circular Claims Fall Flat: Comprehensive US Survey of Plastics Recyclability*. <https://www.greenpeace.org/usa/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Greenpeace-Report-Circular-Claims-Fall-Flat.pdf>

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