



January 20, 2026

The Honorable Judy Aron, Chair
Committee on Environment and Agriculture
New Hampshire House of Representatives
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Representative Aron and Members of the Committee:

We, the undersigned organizations, strongly support House Bill 1602, a bi-partisan bill that will create a safe battery recycling stewardship program. We respectfully ask the House Committee on Environment and Agriculture to vote ought to pass on this important legislation.

We believe a program like this will have broad benefits for our state. Among these are:

- Preventing fires at landfills and in the waste stream: batteries can spark and ignite when damaged or mixed with metal in waste streams, posing serious risks to homes and waste workers.
- Protecting against toxic substances: Programs like these can keep heavy metals and harmful chemicals from leaching into soil and water,
- Improving public safety: They can reduce exposure of waste management workers to hazardous substances and fire risks.
- Conserving resources: They help to recover valuable materials like lithium, cobalt, copper, and steel, thereby reducing the need to mine for new materials.
- Lowering emissions: Recycling batteries uses significantly less energy and water and generates fewer greenhouse gas emissions compared to mining new materials.

We are also pleased to see the broad bipartisan and industry support for this bill. For all these reasons, we strongly support HB 1602 and urge you to vote it ought to pass. Thank you.

Sincerely,



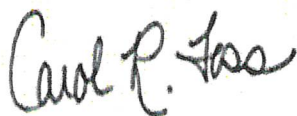
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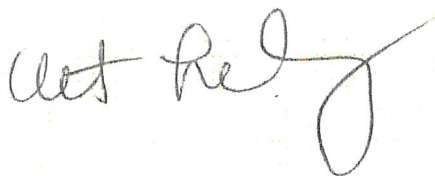
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