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Statement of the North American Metal Packaging Alliance, Inc. (NAMPA)

Governor of Maine Paul LePage Vetoes BPA Legislation

Governor LePage's veto of recent BPA legislation and the option not to challenge the veto in the legislature is completely in line with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) assessment that the use of BPA in food packaging and containers is safe. The FDA has consistently found BPA to be safe at the low levels consumers encounter in packaged food items and clearly spells this out on their website for consumers:

<<http://www.fda.gov/Food/IngredientsPackagingLabeling/FoodAdditivesIngredients/ucm355155.htm>>.

Additionally, recent work funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continues to confirm that BPA is rapidly metabolized and removed from the body. These recent findings bolster decades of scientific peer reviewed studies by researchers and regulators that have found BPA to be safe in food contact applications.

NAMPA believes that Governor LePage acted appropriately, based on sound science, regulatory restraint, and in keeping with the FDA's continued position on BPA's safety.

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About NAMPA

The North American Metal Packaging Alliance, Inc. and its members support sound science and trust the scientific review process that has protected our food supply for decades. For further information, visit www.metal-pack.org.

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