

# STOP PAPER & PACKAGING TAXES



Americans rely on paper-based packaging for the safe delivery of essential goods their families need. Whether it is wholesome groceries, life-saving prescription drugs, children's clothing or pet food and supplies, these products are safely and conveniently delivered to our doorsteps. Communities rely on paper as a tool to learn at school and communicate business ideas.

The market-driven recovery and recycling system for paper and paper-based packaging is a monumental success. Paper and paper-based packaging taxes are unnecessary because the pulp and paper industry has invested **billions** of dollars to create a robust, market-driven system for the recovery and recycling of our products without government intervention and fees. Industry investments like these make smart economic sense because paperbased products have robust markets that work.



**66%**  
of all paper and  
**92%**  
of all boxes and  
corrugated containers  
were recovered in the  
U.S. in 2019

IP collects, reuses  
and markets  
7+ million tons,  
approx.  
**25%**  
of all recovered  
paper  
in the U.S.



The amount of  
recovered fiber  
recycled by IP  
annually would fill  
**350K**  
semi trailers

U.S. paper  
industry avoided  
**19**  
**MILLION**  
metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>  
equivalents as a  
result of recovered



Paper-based packaging taxes penalize the paper industry and companies, like International Paper, that voluntarily make investments in a highly successful, market-driven recovery and recycling system.



According to the EPA,  
more than 3x as much  
paper is recovered by  
weight compared to  
aluminum, steel, glass,  
and plastic combined.

## WE SUPPORT:

- Investments in the U.S. recycling infrastructure that result in additional clean material flowing back into the manufacturing stream.
- Programs, technologies and public education that bring more clean residential and commercial material into the recycling system.
- Market-driven investments in recycling infrastructure to give consumers the tools to help the U.S. increase the collection of recyclable materials and grow recycling rates.