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Written Testimony of Christopher Phelps, Environment Connecticut Program Director
Before the Connecticut General Assembly Environment Committee

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Regarding Senate Bill 662, An Act Expanding The Beverage Container Redemption
Provisions To Include Water Bottles.

Senator Meyer, Representative Roy, and members of the Environment Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in concerning SB 662, An Act Expanding
The Beverage Container Redemption Provisions To Include Water Bottles. Environment

Connecticut strongly supports legislation expanding Connecticut's Bottle Bill. To the
extent that SB 662 would do so, we support the bill. However, we urge the committee not
to limit expansion of the Bottle Bill to water bottles alone, but to also include juices,
sports drinks and other noncarbonated beverages in any expansion legislation it approves.

For additional information regarding Environment Connecticut's support for an expanded
Bottle Bill, please refer to my separate testimony supporting Senate Bill 661.

Sincerely,

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