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The Oxford Land Trust Inc. strongly supports the new bottle bill; SB661. The Oxford Land Trust organizes the annual Oxford Town Wide Cleanup. The bulk of the roadside litter that is picked up each year is non-deposit beverage bottles, water, juice and tea etc. We find very few deposit bottles on our roadsides, which is proof that the existing bottle bill works well. The new bottle bill should include all beverage bottles.

It is extremely labor intensive to pick up the unsightly roadside litter. Expanding the bottle bill is the only effective way to reduce the huge number of cast off bottles littering our roadsides, and ensure that these bottles are recycled. Also, the increase of the deposit on bottles from five cents to ten cents is long overdue.

Sincerely,

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