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Dear Connecticut Environment Committee, Sen. Meyer, Rep. Roy and Chair Members,

On behalf of Westhill High School's environment club, Environment Heroes, we strongly push for the passing of the Bottle Bill SB661. We ask that Senator Dodd, Senator Lieberman, and all our Representatives take in to consideration the many advantages recycling with an incentive can bring.

Bottles are used on a daily basis, and many of them are not recycled; bottles are mostly thrown in the garbage, and if not available, possibly left on a street curb. As a member of several sports team, a student at Westhill High School, and co-founder of an Environment Club, I encounter the issue of not recycling, everyday. Clearly a lack of responsibility and care for our environment is shown through such acts.

Living in a society such as ours today, many citizens expect to "receive" when they "give". Although it may seem a little egoistic, people need to be motivated. If a 10 cent incentive was given for every bottle recycled, people would have a reason to recycle; if recycling is not a top priority for a person, earning money to recycle will attract their desire to do so. Also, if a habit of recycling bottles to earn money begins, the enthusiasm is more likely to continue and spread to neighboring citizens.

Passing the Bottle Bill SB661 will do more than just have people earn money: it will help improve our area's recycling, help improve our environment by depleting un-reusable sources from our landfills, improve our lifestyle and improve personal responsibilities.

We are not asking a lot, but everyone on this earth has a responsibility of taking care of what we use! We can begin to fulfill that responsibility here with the Bill, here with our Community, here with our Environment.

Thank you,

Angela Finn