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The Oxford Conservation commission unanimously supports the new bottle bill, HB661. The bulk of the roadside litter consists of non-deposit beverage bottles, and very few deposit bottles, which is proof that the existing bottle bill works well. The new bottle bill should include all beverage bottles, juice, water, sports drinks etc. The bill should also increase the deposit on bottles from five cents to ten cents, which is long overdue.

It is extremely labor intensive to pick up the unsightly roadside litter. Expanding the bottle bill will reduce the huge number of cast off bottles littering our roadsides, and ensure that these bottles are recycled. This will reduce the costs of litter cleanup, reduce environmental impacts, and provide revenue to the state from unclaimed deposits.

Sincerely,

Oxford Conservation Commission