

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
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HB 6033 – AAC THE INCLUSION OF JUICES, TEAS AND SPORTS DRINKS UNDER
CONNECTICUT’S BOTTLE BILL

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Good morning Senator Kennedy, Representative Albis, Senator Chapin, Representative Shaban and distinguished members of the Environment Committee, my name is Jonathan Murray, and I am the Director of Operations for Murphy Road Recycling, LLC. I submit this testimony in opposition to House Bill 6033, entitled “An Act Concerning the Inclusion of Juices, Teas and Sports Drinks under Connecticut’s Bottle Bill.”

Murphy Road Recycling, LLC is headquartered in Enfield, Connecticut and wishes to align itself with the testimony submitted by the Connecticut chapter of the National Waste and Recycling Association (“NWRA”), which testimony is in opposition to this bill. Rather than repeat the arguments articulated by the NRWA in its testimony, Murphy Road endorses those arguments by means of this testimony and respectfully requests that the Committee reject this bill.

Nevertheless, in addition to the arguments contained in the NWRA testimony, Murphy Road also submits that consideration of this bill may be premature. As the Committee will recall, last year, the General Assembly passed P.A. 14-94, entitled, “An Act Concerning Connecticut’s Recycling and Materials Management Strategy, the Underground Damage Prevention Program and Revisions to Energy and Environmental Statutes,” which contains, among other things, a requirement that the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection update the Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan which would include an update to the waste characterization study. These updates currently are in process, and Murphy Road submits that it may be premature to consider expanding the provisions of the State bottle bill until these updates are completed.

We appreciate the Committee’s attention and consideration, and we respectfully urge the Committee to reject this bill.