

Connecticut Chapter, National Waste & Recycling Association

MEMO OF OPPOSITION – HB 06033

The CT Chapter of the National Waste & Recycling Association (NW&RA) opposes HB 06033; an act to expand CT's bottle bill deposit law to include juice; teas and sports drinks.

We believe expanding this decades old law and program will not improve recycling in CT. We believe it will take value out of the recyclable commodity stream we currently manage and that its passage will deprive CT municipalities of valuable recycling revenues. The CT chapter, as a matter of policy, will be on the record here that CT's private recycling collection and processing industry is committed to collect as much of CT recyclable materials in our trucks, as possible. We are equally committed to process as much of these materials at our recycling centers/material recovery facilities -- for delivery to markets -- as possible as well. We believe our systems are the most cost effective, efficient way to advance and grow recycling in CT. Further, we want all to know we have matched this belief with our tangible investment of tens of millions of dollars in modern, state of the art, highly mechanized and effective recycling facilities all over CT.

We have invested in and built; and now maintain and consistently improve this recycling infrastructure in synch with CT's general environmental policies to recycle and to divert the maximum amount of recoverable items and materials from disposal. We are currently managing these juice; teas; and sports drinks containers in keeping with these policies and are seeing that they are being recycled. We therefore respectfully request HB 06033 not receive any further or favorable legislative consideration.

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