

March 10, 2016

ATTN: Representative David Baram and Senator Carol Leone and members of the
General Law Committee

RE: SB 312 AA REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION TO STUDY BOTTLE BILL BEVERAGE CONTAINER REFUND VALUES
AND REDEMPTION FEES

Thank you for this opportunity to express my opposition to considering any repeal of the Bottle Bill which has served CT well in preventing litter and encouraging recycling. It's amazing that those who applaud monetary incentives for businesses, are myopic when it comes to recognizing the merits of providing incentives to citizens to return and recycle bottles. Encouraging citizens to take an active part in keeping litter in the form of bottles from defacing our environment should be clear to all.

The Bottle Bill had abundant support and I strongly believe that repealing it will meet unfavorable with citizens and many officials who had the foresight to understand and support its intrinsic value. In light of all the environmental implosions we are witnessing, litter should not be added to the problems.

To cite the DEEP Bottle Bill FAQs, "The bottle bill puts a cash value on each container which makes it more likely that these containers will be recycled. States with bottle bills have much higher recycling rates for containers than non-bottle bill states. Also the bottle bill was originally conceived as a litter prevention measure, as giving the containers a value means that containers that are left in public parks and beaches are often picked up by people who collect them for their refund value."¹

I respectfully submit my opposition to Repealing the Bottle Bill..

Cordially,
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Reference: ¹ <http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2714&q=324834>