

Connecticut General Assembly
General Law Committee
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SB - 312 An Act Requiring the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to Study Bottle Bill Beverage Container Refund Values and Redemption Fees.

My name is John Chunis. I live at 40 Deerfield Run, Rocky Hill, CT. I am testifying against this bill.

While I am unable to attend the Public Hearing, I would like my opinion to be considered.

Replacing the refundable fee with a non refundable tax will just encourage people to purchase their beverages out of state, especially those people living near state lines. Not only will Connecticut lose the non refundable fee, they will also lose the sales tax. People will also then probably buy their food out of state, so all our local stores will lose business and Connecticut loses income tax receipts.

Furthermore, without the refundable fee, people will just leave their beverage containers in the trash, in our parks and beaches, and along our roads. This bill actually discourages recycling and encourages littering.

We should not even be studying this concept, It is a waste of valuable State personnel resources at a time when we need to conserve unnecessary expenditures.

This bill is bad for Connecticut.

Please do not pass this bill.

Thank you for considering my opinions.