



STATE OF CONNECTICUT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Opposition to SB 312

Environmental Products Corp.
99 Great Hill Rd., Naugatuck, CT
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My name is Michael Wellman, President-Container Collection Services for Environmental Products Corporation ("Envipco") and on behalf of Envipco and its employees write **in opposition to any legislative that would attempt to repeal the CT Bottle Bill.**

Envipco is a Connecticut company. Our global operations are headquartered in Naugatuck, CT and provide Reverse Vending redemption services to over 125 retail locations throughout the State with over 600 points of redemption for consumers. In 2015 alone Envipco purchased over \$ 3mm in goods and services from Connecticut businesses such as Ansonia Sheet Metal, Farrell Precision, and Ram Welding to name just a few. Together we provide hundreds of jobs state-wide. Envipco is committed to recycling deposit containers through high tech solutions, while providing good paying high skilled jobs, and facilitating a better, cleaner Connecticut for our children.

Legislation to repeal the Bottle Bill would have the unintended consequences of putting an entire industry out of business in Connecticut. The Reverse Vending Industry has invested over \$100 million in the Connecticut redemption infrastructure. We are a technology and information services industry. Our business is dependent upon Connecticut's Bottle Bill.

Bottle Bills are recognized worldwide as the most efficient and effective means of beverage container recycling and litter reduction. The Bottle Bill is founded on the product stewardship principles of Producer Responsibility. Connecticut's Bottle Bill rightly places packaging stewardship with the bottler, dealer and consumer.

Repeal of the Bottle Bill will:

- Eliminate good paying, skilled jobs
- Increase litter and waste nuisance in neighborhoods
- Increase broken glass hazards for children in parks and playgrounds
- Harm nonprofit groups to include school marching bands and sports teams by eliminating important fundraising revenues gained from regular bottle drives
- Significantly reduce the recycling rate for beverage container packaging waste



We along with CT businesses and consumers oppose any attempt to repeal the Bottle Bill.

Sincerely Yours,
Environmental Products Corporation

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