

I am chairman of the East Windsor American Heritage River Commission. I believe I speak for the other members when I state my opposition to Bill 312 titled AA Requiring (DEEP) to study bottle bill Beverage container refund values and redemption fees.

1. Recycling of bottles and cans is a source of revenue for many non-profit groups such as Scouts, and also the recycling industry offers job opportunities to many who don't have higher skills for other work.
2. People need an incentive not to put the bottles and cans into the trash which would only add to the landfills.
3. It would increase the amount of trash that didn't get into a waste receptacle but littered everywhere. Our Commission members have worked diligently to clear the banks of the Scantic and Connecticut Rivers in the Town of East Windsor, we don't need any more trash to pick up.
4. Litter degrades an area and takes away from the pride one feels in its community. Litter is a source of disease, attracting vermin, and can be dangerous for those who walk amidst the clutter. It is a step backwards after 'keep America beautiful' campaigns.

Please reconsider the repeal of the bottle bill.

Sincerely,

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