

Testimony of CT Redemption LLC

Before the Connecticut General Assembly Environment Committee

In Opposition of Senate Bill 996.

In Support of House Bill 5618.

If the actual recyclers who will take this products are not in favor of curbside due to the quality of material from curbside compared to redemption - it simply does not make a good argument to move forward with bill. Others in opposition to bill 996 include many towns recycling boards in Connecticut and recyclers as evident in written testimonies posted.

It comes down to self greed from beverage companies and grocery stores who are not as nearly knowledgeable as the actual recyclers whose primary business is to process these recyclable materials. At the end it comes down to one question: Is this bill supporting the self greed of beverage companies or do we actually care about recycling? If we do, we must listen to those in the business of recycling not beverage companies who are trying to minimize their expense with disregard to the outcome of environmental effects.

Who is this bill favoring? Certainly not the general public, redemption centers, recycling companies, recovery companies, and those directly and indirectly involved in this process. Just for self-greed and self-interest of a few, this will have an enormous impact on majority of people in state of Connecticut who would oppose this bill without a doubt. Many of our customers at the redemption center do not want another tax! The bottle bill system we have in place is effective and the incentive provided is a win-win for everyone including the state. Let's work to expand the bill and make it better.

Thank You,

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