

March 12, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of HB 5618, concerning an increase in the handling fee for bottle redemption centers. Recycling is an important part of taking care of the environment, but from my understanding, redemption centers are not making enough money to keep them viable. The last time I was at a redemption center, 2 of the 6 machines were not working.

Increasing the handling fee will help to keep redemption centers a viable business sector within our economy, and continue to incentivize the public to recycle rather than producing more waste and litter.

I urge you to support and pass this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Laurie Gorham
932 Long Cove Road
Gales Ferry, CT 06335