

I am writing in support of HB 5618 concerning an increase in the handling fee for bottle redemption centers. We must fight the rising levels of plastic that end up in our waterways and oceans. We believe that updating Connecticut's "bottle bill" is necessary for encouraging the successful recycling of plastic in the state. Connecticut's landmark law for encouraging the recycling of beverage containers has been successful, but it needs to be updated to remain viable. As times have changed and the cost of doing business has risen, neither the deposit incentive nor the program fees have kept pace. We need to update our "Bottle Bill" in a way that encourages consumers to increase participation and allows redeemers to earn more per container.

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