

Senator Kennedy, Senator Miner, Representative Demicco and members of the committee:

I urge you to support HB 5618 to amend the existing bottle recycling program to add a small increase in the handling fees for redemption center operators. Without an increase in about 30 years, they are struggling to stay in business. I also support expanding coverage to other containers such as teas and juices to encourage people to recycle those as well. As you well know, the state gets a tidy sum from deposits that go unclaimed. It's a system that works. Let's improve it.

Every spring citizens of our town walk the roads to pick up the trash that folks have tossed out since last year. Without a workable recycling system, we would be inundated with trash along our rural roads. And that is only a small part of the story. Recycling reduces energy consumption, pollution, and uses far fewer natural resources.

Thank you for your time,

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