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Environment Committee  
for the public hearing on March 11, 2019

Representative Demicco, Senator Cohen, Representative Gresko, Senator Kushner, and Members of the Committee,

I write in support of the following bills:

**Committee Bill No. 5384, LCO No. 5038:** An Act Requiring the Elimination of Single-Use Styrofoam Containers.

**Committee Bill No. 229, LCO No. 5042:** An Act Prohibiting the Use of Styrofoam Trays in Connecticut Schools.

**Raised Bill No. 1003, LCO No. 5319:** AAC the Use of Single-Use Plastic and Paper Bags.

**Raised Bill No. 7294, LCO No. 5226:** AAC Bottle Redemption in the State.

The time has come in our state to take decisive action against single-use containers of any kind. As a consumer, I've taken a stand by refusing to buy anything that is packaged in a single-use plastic or styrofoam container. This also includes plastic bags.

The above-referenced bills are important first steps at cleaning up the environment in our state, our region, our country, and our world. It's encouraging to see the committee advancing these bills to the public hearing level, and I urge you to support them throughout the legislative process so that they become an important part of Connecticut environmental law.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your work.