

**TESTIMONY OF TOM SWAN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CONNECTICUT CITIZEN ACTION GROUP (CCAG)**

**March 11, 2019**

**BEFORE THE ENVIROMENT COMMITTEE**

**IN SUPPORT OF**

**S.B. No. 229 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF STYROFOAM TRAYS IN CONNECTICUT SCHOOLS**

**S.B. No. 1003 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC AND PAPER BAGS**

**H.B. No. 5384 AN ACT REQUIRING THE ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-USE STYROFOAM CONTAINERS**

**H.B. No. 7294 AN ACT CONCERNING BOTTLE REDEMPTION IN THE STATE**

Senator Cohen, Representative Demicco and other members of the Environmental Committee my name is Tom Swan and I am the Executive Director of the Connecticut Citizen Action Group. On behalf of our thousands of members statewide I want to than you for raising these bills and urge you to vote to JF them. It has been well documented the damage we are causing to our environment and the sound from our over reliance on plastics and the need for us to update the bottle bill in Connecticut. These bills are a set of proposals that will move Connecticut forward in a manner that is consistent with our reputation as a state known for its common-sense environmental stewardship.

Thank you and we look forward to helping you to turn these proposals into law.