We asking the Environment committee to support an increase in the handling fee to $0.35 as part of overall plan to modernize the Bottle bill because past 38 years handling fee didn’t change. In past 38 year all the expense has gonna up and were still getting same amount as when the bill was written 38 years ago. In our state we have so many redemption closing due to low handling fee. The New York handling fee is 3.5 cents, massachusetts 3.2 cents, vermont at 4 cents and maine at 4 cents. If we compared to CT handling fee is 1.5 cents on beer and 2 cents on carbonated soft drinks and water. If we raised our handling fee our state will see more Redemption center opening per town. Will will create more job in our state by opening more redemption center and making are state more cleaner.

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