Environment Committee

Connecticut General Assembly

Legislative Office Building, Room 3200

Hartford, CT 06106

- Subject: Testimony in support HB 7294 (updating and expansion of Bottle container redemption)

To <envtestimony@cga.ct.gov>

Dear Members of the Environmental Committee,

Our present bottle redemption legislation has worked to promote recycling and to keep our roadsides cleaner but it’s effect is diminishing fast. Handling fees need to be raised to cover increased costs and type of containers covered need to be expanded as well as increasing the amount of deposit on each container.

I have participated in road side cleanup’s and am very aware of the problem of road side litter. I have seen a proliferation of bottles for juices, teas, sports drinks and energy drinks and small airline size liquor bottles. I would suggest that the small liquor bottles (1 or ½ oz size) be also added to list of deposit containers. The last time I participated I picked up over 50 of these bottles in less than a mile on one side of the road. (Chapel Road in South Windsor near Manchester).

We need a more effective redemption program to keep our state cleaner.

Respectfully yours,

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