Environmental Committee
Connecticut General Assembly
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Committee Members,

I am sending this email to you in the hope that you can help improve our program for bottle redemptions. Yes, I am in favor of HB 7294. The current program works, but it could be improved if charges for bottles were increased. People would of course complain, but I believe the extra charge would provide the needed incentive to return bottle rather than having them end up in the garbage or along the side of the road. Unfortunately, this is the case more often than not. I had previously helped on a weekly basis with river cleanup as a member of the East Hartford Hockanum River Committee, and I am now part of the Adopt-A-Road Program in South Windsor. As a cleanup volunteer I have retrieved literally hundreds of bottles discarded in our waterways or along the side of our roads. I should add that one of the most common form of trash I find is the small liquor bottles that now have no deposit on them, it would be great if something can be done about this.

I would love to say that things are getting better, but from what I have observed people have increased their usage of bottles and cans. Unfortunately, this has resulted in more trash. Most people care enough to dispose of their cans and bottles properly, but many people need to be encouraged to do the right thing. Hopefully you can help. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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