

To whom it may concern,

Good morning this is Connecticut Redemption Center in Windsor Locks CT I am in strong support for the bill HB 5340 here is are the two main reason why,

1. The Bottle Bill is an effective, convenient way to help towns reduce litter and save money on recycling- By expanding to include juices, teas, sports drinks, wine & liquor, CT can capture up to 400 million new beverage containers per year! The less material that municipalities need to collect, process and dispose of – the lower their operating expenses will be. This is especially true for glass containers which break and contaminate other materials- bringing down the value of all materials collected through the curbside system. Modernizing the bottle bill not only shifts material from the curbside stream to the deposit stream, it also saves cities and towns money. Towns and residents can expect to pay less on waste disposal fees since currently 39% of all beverage containers end up in being incinerated as waste!

2. Raising the handling fee will shore up the backbone of Connecticut's bottle bill, helping to maintain diversion from the trash bin and blue bin (and municipal balance sheets) – Recycling and waste management is not free. Towns are paying to collect, process, and dispose or recycle material today and the costs of doing so are rising. The bottle bill helps towns deal with this cost by diverting material to a separate waste stream paid for by producers, not taxpayers!

Thank you for your time please feel free to reach out to me at 860-966-2258

Sincerely, Nish Ghetia