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Re: S.B. No. 296 AN ACT CONCERNING MINIMUM RECYCLED GLASS CONTENT FOR WINE AND LIQUOR BOTTLES SOLD OR DISTRIBUTED IN THE NORTHEAST REGION

To: Chairmen of the Environment Committee, Senator Cohen and Representative Demicco, and Members of the Environment Committee:

I strongly support S.B. 296 and urge you to support it.

Yesterday the New Haven Environmental Advisory Council heard from Pierre Barbour, Executive Director of New Haven Solid Waste & Recycling Authority, that glass shards from broken bottles and jars contaminate cardboard and other recycled items and turn single-stream recycling into unsalable garbage.

Establishing a minimum recycled content for glass wine and liquor bottles sold or distributed in the Northeast will provide an incentive to separate glass from other recycling and thereby save money and resources.

Thank you for everything you are doing to help us live more sustainably.

Sincerely,

Laura Cahn
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