

House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Representative David Bennett, Chair
Rhode Island House of Representatives

SUPPORT FOR H8312 - Beverage Container Deposit Recycling Act

June 5, 2024

Dear Chair Bennett and Members of the Committee,

It is past time for a Beverage Container Deposit Recycling bill in Rhode Island! I've been waiting years for a bottle bill. The time has come for a comprehensive plan that will work. There has been a study commission this past year, so now we know which programs from around the country work the best. We don't have to wait any longer.

Clearly our statewide recycling program is not working as well as it should. To make the new program work, we must all make changes to our actions and behaviors. And if we embrace this new deposit program as source of empowerment rather than a burden, we will feel a sense of common purpose in working to clean up Rhode Island's environment.

I've been picking up trash near my home for years and I want some relief! We don't have to kick the can (or bottle) down the road anymore!

Please pass H8312 out of committee and support its passage in the full House. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joel Gates
15 Elmdale Rd
Glocester, RI 02857