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From: Katherine James-Bowers <ladykatherine.jb@gmail.com>
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To: House Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Subject: The introduction of House Bill 8312 - the new RI bottle bill - is a great step!

Dear House Environment Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

Good morning House Environment Committee:

I am writing to express my excitement at the introduction of House Bill 8312. This bill represents progress in Rhode Island's effort towards building a bottle return and deposit system that works for our state.

The bottle bill study commission brought in experts from across the country, examined our state's recycling and waste systems, and listened to local stakeholders. It is now clearer than ever that bottle bills work to reduce litter and improve recycling, and that our goal for this process should be to craft a strong bottle bill system for Rhode Island.

I am glad to see that this bill:

- Includes a 10-cent deposit on each container.
- Covers all beverage container types, including nips.
- Reinvests unclaimed deposits back into the system.
- Sets strong targets for reuse and recycled content.

Thank you to the committee for your continued efforts to craft the strongest possible bottle bill for Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

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