



June 5, 2024

Honorable David Bennett, Chairman
House Committee on Environment & Natural Resources
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

RE: H.8312, An Act Relating to Health and Safety – Beverage Container

Chairman Bennett and Members of the Committee:

The undersigned members of The Rhode Island Business Coalition are in the process of reviewing the provisions of H.8312, An Act Relating to Health and Safety – Beverage Container.

This bill creates a bottle bill program that authorizes a producer responsibility organization to implement a redemption program for beverage containers comprised of glass, plastic, metal, or a combination thereof. The program includes performance targets that increase every two years up to 90% in eight years and authorizes the collection of fees from different parties.

The Rhode Island Business Coalition has been following the work of the Plastic Waste Commission and the many issues and ideas that were raised over the months. As we continue to analyze H.8312, along with the information provided by the commission, we will forward more comprehensive comments to the Committee.

Sincerely,

East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce
Energy Marketers Association Rhode Island
Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce
National Federation of Independent Business

Rhode Island Beverage Association

Rhode Island Manufacturers Association

Rhode Island Marine Trades Association

Rhode Island Mortgage Bankers Association

Rhode Island Small Business Economic Summit Regulations Committee

Rhode Island Small Business Economic Summit Tax and Budget Committee

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