

Testimony in opposition to H6205: Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging and Paper Act

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To Chair Bennett and the honorable Members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

I oppose the bill because it is ineffective and will let pollution with packaging and bottles continue. The bill is pushed by the packaging and beverage industries in order to serve their interests. It has no teeth, and in particular lacks a deposit program like those in other states, where deposits lead to a reduction of pollution and significantly increased recycling.

We have much better and more impactful bill alternatives in this year's H6207 and H6206, which implement the recommendations from the "Special Joint Legislative Commission to Study and Provide Recommendations to Protect our Environment and Natural Resources from Plastic Bottle Waste", and which are better suited to finally turn the tide on pollution in RI.

Please do NOT bring H6205 to a vote.

Thank you very much for considering my input.



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