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As the proud owner of Foodland Farm International Halal Market in Providence, I talk with my customers every day. Many are still frustrated with stubbornly high prices for basic items like milk and eggs.

That is why I am so opposed to H-6207, which would impose a \$.10 deposit on nearly all of the bottled beverages sold at my store.

Water, sodas, energy drinks, and teas are all very popular items. With this legislation they will all cost more. A \$.10 deposit really adds up, especially on 12 or 24 bottle cases which would cost \$1.20 to \$2.40 more.

Inflation has already hit Rhode Islanders hard enough. We do not need a bottle tax artificially raising the price of popular bottled beverages.

I support efforts to increase recycling through better consumer education and making our recycling system more convenient, and more efficient. These are far preferable options to raising costs on consumers.

Please oppose the bottle tax by voting down H-6207.

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