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Subject: H 6207 - SUPPORT - Late Testimony

Dear Chairman Bennett and Honorable Members of the House Environment & Natural Resources Committee:

Volunteer Services for Animals (VSA) writes to you today in spite of missing the important hearing on May 13, 2025 for H6207.

Before sending you this message I reviewed the written testimony sent to you about this legislation commonly known to most as the bottle bill.

The long and the short of it is this: will we choose to protect our environment from further contamination or will we continue to maintain the status quo.

We have had to come to the realization that VSA cannot be a humane organization and not also be conservationists because of the interrelatedness of these causes so we want you to know that we wholeheartedly support H6207 for the good of our State and for our planet Earth.

It is not too late to call for reconsideration of this legislation and have the Environment & Natural Resources Committee take a stand by voting on this measure so that Rhode Islanders know where to go from here.

Thank you for permitting VSA to submit this late testimony via email, and we apologize for having to do so.

Very respectfully yours,
Joanne J. Rongo, Chair -- writing for the VSA Board of Directors

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