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**From:** Joseph Lafazia <team@speak4.co>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2025 1:40 PM  
**To:** House Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
**Subject:** Recycling Reform for Rhode Island- H 6207 and S 996

Dear House Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

I'm a lifelong Rhode Islander who cares about our communities, our environment, and making sure small businesses and working families aren't stuck paying for an outdated recycling system.

That's why I ask you to support H 6207 and S 996.

These bills create a modern "Bottle Bill" system and make companies pay for the waste they create—not taxpayers or our towns.

Right now, too many bottles and cans end up as litter in our Bay, parks, roads, and shorelines—or in the Central Landfill. And local governments are stuck paying the price.

H 6207 and S 996 fix this by creating an easy-to-use deposit return system and making sure producers are responsible for cleaning up their packaging. This will reduce litter, support local businesses, and create jobs and investment.

We all want to do our part to reduce litter and waste, but we need an efficient recycling system to make it work. These bills are a smart, practical step forward—and Rhode Island is ready for recycling reform.

Please pass H 6207 and S 996 this session.

Thank you for your time and leadership.

Sincerely,  
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