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Rhode Island consumers have been hammered by inflation the last several years. From rising grocery prices to higher utility bills, it has felt like everything just costs more.

That is why I am writing to share my strong opposition to H-6207, legislation that would create a \$.10 deposit on beverage containers. I believe this is nothing more than a tax. This will raise prices for my store, which I will then have to pass on to my customers. Something that I do not want to do.

Returning beverages to redemption centers is highly inconvenient. We can improve recycling in Rhode Island through better education and making our current recycling system more efficient.

Rhode Islanders can't afford a bottle tax. Please oppose H-6207.

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