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**From:** Norman Hale <NormHale@marketbeerwinespirits.com>  
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**To:** House Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
**Subject:** OPPOSE - H6205, H6206, H6207

My name is Norman Hale, owner of Market, Beer, Wine, Spirits in Johnston, RI. I oppose H6205, H6206, H6207. Bottle Deposits & EPR Programs are regressive taxes on consumers and will raise prices at the cash register. We as a state should be investing in our own infrastructure, making improvements to RIRRC to ensure less material intended for recycling gets rejected and to increase the resale value of materials collected. This legislation would put unneeded burden on Rhode Island's small businesses, who are already struggling in today's uncertain business climate.

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