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From: Stop The RI Bottle Tax <info@stoptheribottletax.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 11:26 AM
To: House Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Subject: PA'L Monte: H-6207

As the owner of a PA'L Monte, a small market in Smithfield, I am writing to share my strong opposition to H-6207, which would impose a \$.10 deposit on nearly all the beverages sold at my store. This is a tax, plain and simple. This will raise costs for my business and for my customers who just want to purchase their favorite beverages at a reasonable price. \$.10 may not seem like a lot, but on a \$1.00 soda, bottled water, or iced tea, that's a 10% price increase. And on a standard 24 bottle case of bottled water, that's an extra \$2.40.

My business and my customers are still struggling with inflation. The last thing the General Assembly should be considering is raising costs on basic products.

We can improve recycling in Rhode Island through better education.

A bottle tax is not the answer. I urge you to oppose H-6207.

Sincerely,
Rafae Perez - PA'L Monte