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Dear Committee Clerk Louis Mansolillo,

Below is my testimony in support of H6207.

I am concerned about the intertwined problems of litter and waste. A bottle bill is a proven policy solution that addresses both of these issues.

For over a year, a bipartisan study commission brought in experts from across the country, examined our state's recycling and waste systems, and listened to local stakeholders. The results are clear - recycling refund programs work. In fact, the Keep America Beautiful 2020 National Litter Study found significantly less litter in states with bottle bills than in states without one.

I serve on the Scituate Sustainability Committee, whose mission is to advise the Town Council on sustainability policy and cost-saving efforts; partner with schools on education and stewardship; collaborate with agencies to advance sustainability; and inform residents about key environmental issues. Along with over fifty other volunteers and with the assistance from our volunteer first responders acting as safety escorts, I spent Sunday, April 27th picking up trash from the roads in Scituate -- mostly bottles that would have been kept off our roadsides by a bottle bill.

H6207 creates a recycling refund system as well as an extended producer responsibility program that incentivizes major brands to develop product packaging that is easier to recycle. It's important that a recycling refund system be included because these programs:

- Capture a higher percentage of cans and bottles for recycling than curbside recycling alone
- Reduce the amount of litter in communities
- Reduce the amount of waste sent for disposal (in our case, to the landfill).

A bottle bill is good for the environment, good for the local economy, and popular! Please support H6207. Thank you!

Sincerely,
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