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Dear Committee Clerk Louis Mansolillo,

Below is my testimony in support of H6207.

My wife and I have lived in other states where bottle bills are in place, and noted that they suffered from far less trash. We are 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.

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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