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As you well know many of your constituents pay privately for waste pick up independently already. This legislation is ignoring the tremendous carbon and energy waste of individuals having to take individual trips to return the bottles. Given the long distance Washington county residents would have to travel for recycling centers. It makes no sense... environmental or waste control wise. Plus having to use plastic or other waste receptacles to transport the wet and used containers and bottles. Generate their own waste.

All to fix a problem that barely exists. Most plastic recyclables do not get recycled because waste exceeds demand for plastic to recycle. While aluminum almost always gets completely recycled.

It's another significant regressive tax. Impacting lower income more than anyone else. Will drive people away from the the smaller business. Because only large business will have the redemption centers and it will drive foot traffic away from Mom and pop places.

Saw the same foolish ideas in Massachusetts results in the same problems. And the often false pitch that corporations will be forced to pay??? how are corporations gonna pay for this? The consumers always pay for consumables one way or the other.

Never mind the major bottling businesses that employ people in RI.

all at the behest of a politician from one of the most affluent communities in RI. Who has a self generated waste problem due to their tourist income populations and the removal of waste receptacles at the beaches. Resulting in trash all over those beaches in the summer.

I can't see the benefit in supporting this bottle bill. I am hoping you agree. Given your considerable time in the legislation I hope you have some influence as well.

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