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Good afternoon,

My name is Toyin Bankole. I am proud to own Toyin African Restaurant in Providence, but keeping our business successful requires hard work and support from our community. This is why I'm writing to oppose harmful taxes like the bottle tax.

The bottle bill would add new costs to our business and make it harder for us to operate. On top of inflation, thin profit margins and our continued recovery from the loss of business during the pandemic, this tax would make life incredibly difficult for my business and the businesses of so many others.

My business takes every opportunity to be environmentally friendly: we recycle, provide clearly labeled containers for our customers to dispose of their trash and bottles, and we clean up litter outside of our restaurant. We're asking that our state leaders work with us, not against us. As the 2026 legislative session progresses, I hope that legislators do not push a bottle tax and that they continue to listen to those of us who will be most impacted – local businesses and our customers.

Please do not move forward with H-7911. Thank you.