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Audubon Society of Rhode Island

January 27, 2022

Representative Bennett
Chair, House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02908

Re: Audubon Society of Rhode Island Supports H7064, Plastic Bottle and Container Labeling Act

Dear Chairman Bennett and members of the House Committee on Environment,

The Audubon Society of Rhode Island and our 17,000 members thank you and the other sponsors for this important legislation. We urge you to pass this bill to the floor for a vote.

Beach and roadside cleanups throughout the state uncover untold number of “nips” or miniature alcoholic beverage containers. The containers are left behind after parties and tossed out of the window of passing cars. Just as all bottle bills, a deposit/return system applied to nips will help incentivize the removal and return of empty bottles, helping clean them from the environment.

Rhode Island, the Ocean State, should get behind this measure to create clean beaches, parks and communities for residents and tourists alike.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Priscilla De La Cruz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Priscilla De La Cruz
Senior Director of Government Affairs