

Hello members of the Commission. My name is Anaïs Chipel. I am from North Providence, and I have lived in Rhode Island my whole life. Year after year, I have seen our beautiful oceans, lakes, ponds and rivers become more and more polluted, and plastic waste become more and more common. Plastic and bottles litter our streets, our forests, and our oceans. Seeing all of this plastic makes me sad that people have so little care for our beautiful planet. I know that this bottle bill will make a difference in plastic pollution in Rhode Island. Last year, my family and I were hiking at Lincoln woods park and we found 25 nip bottles all in one spot. I was astonished by all of the trash there. We need to pass this bill. We can't wait another year. Even though big bottle companies are fighting this, we hope that our voices are heard and together we can push this bill into action.

Thank you for having us today.

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