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Senator Brian J. Feldman, Chair
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: SB 346 Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program

Dear Chair Feldman:

It is shocking to learn that billions—not millions—of beverage containers are sold in Maryland each year, and most are not recycled even though recycling options are widespread. These containers clutter our roadways and rivers and threaten our health. It is time for Maryland to implement a container deposit program that will significantly reduce litter and increase re-use and recycling of containers.

Container deposit programs have increased recycling and reduced waste, and the City Council voted unanimously to support SB 346. This bill creates an effective system that will benefit the State by recycling most of the billions of containers used in Maryland every year. It will also significantly reduce litter and tipping fees that localities pay to bury materials that should be recycled. These benefits can be accomplished without high costs to the State.

Please support this legislation and pass it favorably in the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee.

Sincerely,

Fazlul Kabir
Mayor

cc: Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
Senator Jim Rosapepe, District 21