

**Senate Bill SB0346, Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund
and Litter Reduction Program**

**Education, Energy, & Environment Committee – February 18, 2025
SUPPORT**

Thank you for accepting written testimony from Kids for Saving Earth (KSE), an organization devoted to providing educational materials, posters and a website featuring environmental educational curriculum and activities for teachers, parents, and children.

KSE strongly supports the passage of HB0232. It is budget neutral and provides incentives for the public to increase the recycling rate.

California, Connecticut, Maine, Michigan, New York, Oregon, and Vermont have laws requiring a small deposit when beverage containers are purchased. In 1921, recycling rates in these ten states ranged from 50% to 89%, a vast increase over the current rate in Maryland.

A recent poll found overwhelming public support for a Maryland bottle bill that would require a 10-15 cent refundable deposit on beverage containers.

KSE urges your support for a favorable Committee report and passage in the House of Delegates.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue.