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Delegate Marc Korman, Chair
Environment and Transportation Committee
Room 251
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB 735 Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Bill

Dear Chair Korman and Committee Members:

The City Council considered and voted unanimously to support HB 735. Container deposit programs have been proven to increase recycling and to reduce waste. This bill creates an effective system that will benefit the State by recycling 90 percent of the five billion containers used in Maryland every year, and by significantly reducing litter and tipping fees that localities currently pay to bury materials that should be recycled. These benefits can be accomplished without high costs to the State.

The City spends about \$50,000 annually on tipping fees at the County recycling facility. If this legislation is enacted, we anticipate saving approximately \$20,000 in tipping fees each year.

Please support this legislation and pass it favorably out of the Environment and Transportation Committee.

Sincerely,

Fazlul Kabir
Mayor

cc: 21st District Delegation