

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

March 5, 2024

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

Re: Support of House Bill 735 (Senate Bill 642) Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program

Dear Chair Korman and Committee Members:

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Riverdale Park support House Bill 735 - Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program. HB 735 would establish the Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program to increase the reuse and recycling of beverage containers and reduce the litter, pollution, and costs associated with beverage containers; prohibit a producer from selling, offering for sale, or distributing in or importing into the State a redeemable beverage container unless the producer is registered with the Department of the Environment, pays a certain fee, and is part of a certain stewardship organization.

The Town of Riverdale Park is committed to sustainability and understands that achieving sustainability requires private and public action. The Town supports the intent of the legislation to increase the reuse and recycling of beverage containers and to reduce the litter, pollution, and costs associated with beverage containers.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important legislation. If you require any additional information, please contact me at akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov.

Sincerely,



Alan K. Thompson
Mayor