



## City of Cambridge

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The City of Cambridge urges you to support HB 232/SB 346, the Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program, also known as the Maryland Bottle Bill. We support HB 232/SB 346 for the purposes of reducing beverage container litter and plastic pollution, providing cleaner parks and waterways, and creating savings for municipalities and local taxpayers.

The city of Cambridge as well as other municipalities could save thousands of dollars and some municipalities hundreds of thousands of dollars with the passing of this bottle bill. What we take to the dump comes with a financial cost. The less we take to the landfill, the less we pay in tipping fees.

I personally support this bill because I know first hand the effects of poverty and pollution. My cousin did not have the best life growing up and I remember multiple summers collecting aluminum cans with him, so he could provide for himself. This would be a revenue generating opportunity for those with limited incomes. This will empower non-profits, create jobs, and create entrepreneurship opportunities for the less fortunate.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Signed by:  


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Mayor, City of Cambridge