

Robert S. Croslin
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The Honorable Marc Korman, Chair
Environment and Transportation Committee
251 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable C. T. Wilson, Chair
Economic Matters Committee
230 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Support for HB0232/SB0346 – Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program

Dear Chairman Korman and Chairman Wilson,

On behalf of the Hyattsville City Council, I am writing to express our strong support of HB0232/SB0346, which proposes instituting a refundable deposit on recyclable beverage containers sold in the state of Maryland. This legislation addresses the significant issue of littering in our community and the entire state. Our roads, parks, streams, and rivers are strewn with single-use beverage containers. Clean-up efforts in our community routinely find these containers to be the most common of all litter items and some of the most damaging to our environment as their contaminants enter our waterways and eventually our food chain.

The proposed refundable deposit, which is also supported by the Maryland Sierra Club, Anacostia Watershed Society, and Anacostia Riverkeeper, will incentivize the return of beverage containers to redemption or recycling facilities. This will decrease the amount of litter while increasing the number of containers sent for recycling rather than the landfill, which will have a significant environmental impact.

We strongly urge you to support this legislation and thank you for your commitment to this critical issue. We look forward to your continued partnership in improving and protecting our environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. S. Croslin", written over a light gray rectangular background.

Robert S. Croslin

Mayor

cc: Hyattsville City Council