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Position Statement in Support of HB232/SB346 – Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program

The City of Greenbelt strongly supports HB232/SB346, the Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program. This legislation represents a critical step toward reducing litter, increasing recycling rates, and fostering a cleaner, more sustainable environment for our residents and future generations.

A well-structured beverage container deposit program has proven effective in numerous states by significantly increasing the recycling of glass, plastic, and aluminum containers while reducing the volume of litter in public spaces, waterways, and green areas. By creating a financial incentive for consumers to return containers, HB232/SB346 will help mitigate waste, promote a circular economy, and decrease the burden of waste management costs on local governments.

Furthermore, this bill aligns with Greenbelt's long-standing commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability. By encouraging responsible recycling practices and reducing pollution, HB232/SB346 supports our efforts to maintain a clean, healthy, and vibrant community. We urge the General Assembly to pass this important legislation to advance Maryland's environmental and economic sustainability goals.

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