

Testimony in Support/Opposition of SB342
Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program
Senate Energy, Education and Environment Committee Hearing 2/10/2026 at 1:00 p.m.
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To Chair Feldman and Committee Members,

My name is Christa Peters-Lidard, Ph.D. I live in Grasonville, on Greenwood Creek within the Prospect Bay/Eastern Bay watershed, and I urge a favorable report on SB342.

This Bill will:

- 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 beverage container stewardship organization;

I support this bill because it is a priority for Maryland's Community Campaign for the Environment (CCE). As an Earth scientist and a waterfront homeowner, the health of our environment is a top priority. From supporting outdoor recreation to avoiding tire punctures, recycling benefits all Maryland citizens. I treasure my ability to fish, swim, crab, boat, and harvest oysters on my creek and throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and by reducing litter and incentivizing recycling, the health of the Bay and all of Maryland's lands and waters will be preserved for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look to this committee to give **SB342** a **favorable** report.

Sincerely,
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