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**To:** House Environment and Transportation Committee

**Subject:** [HB0331](#) ([SB0342](#)) Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program

**POSITION:** FAVORABLE

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the Committee:

I wholeheartedly support [HB0331](#) ([SB0342](#)) Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program.

I'm looking at a plastic Dr. Pepper bottle that I bought in Montgomery County. Right on the bottle it gives the amount of the refund from states that have been doing this for decades: Mi, Maine, VT, CN, NA, NY, Iowa – if their retailers have been doing this for decades years, why can't our retailers?

I grew up in Fairfax County in the '60s when there were bottle deposit fees, and my friend and I would walk up Prosperity Avenue to the closest store picking up bottles from the side of the road along the way. By the time we got there, we always got enough refunds (I think it was 2 cents at the time) to get a soda and some candy (and yes, I got lots of cavities).

But, the point is with a refund law, you'll see a drastic reduction in roadside trash.

Sincerely,

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