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Senator Edith Prague 145 Route 87 Columbia, Connecticut 06237

Dear Edith:

I write to encourage you to support House Bill 6044, which would devote \$16.4 million in unclaimed bottled deposits to support recycling in all Connecticut municipalities. This bill would save an estimated \$7.50 per ton in tipping fees for the Town of Franklin alone, and would go a long way to reduce our budget costs, as well as reducing the budgets of every other Connecticut city and town. I hope you will vote in favor of this bill.

Sincerely.

Richard L. Matters, First Selectman

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cc: Old Saybrook First Selectman Michael Pace, Chair of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority Board of Directors