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Regarding MSW and Recycling concerns:
Governor's Bill No. 11, Raised Bill No. 296, Raised Bill No. 298, Raised Bill No. 299, Raised Bill No. 5340

Regarding Environmental Protection concerns:
SB No. 301, HB No. 5103, HB No. 5104, HJ1, SB No. 99, SB No. 297, HB No. 5344, HB No. 5345

Dear Members of the Environment Committee:

I fully support the many bills coming before your committee that will lead to a more robust and sustainable recycling and solid waste system in the State of Connecticut.

- The Governor's Bill No. 11 promotes encouragement and enforcement of better practices in reducing the amount of waste typically produced by Connecticut households.
- Raised Bill No. 296 asks for minimum recycled glass content in all glass wine and liquor bottles, which logically will lead to 1) better capture of glass, probably best done by separating its collection from single stream, and 2) increased awareness of a need for glass processing plants and remanufacturing plants.
- Raised Bill No. 298 justifiably expands the mandatory food waste diversion regulations, so that more businesses and industries will be accountable for diverting food waste from the MSW. This is a necessary step for CT to meet its Comprehensive Strategy for Waste Management. Eventually, food waste diversion should become a mandate for CT residents, as well.
- Raised Bill No. 5340 will help capture more glass (a material so easy to recycle when it's clean) and more plastic and aluminum recyclables through modernizing the centers' collection and fee structures.
- Raised Bill No. 299 simply takes a major litter source and unrecyclable product – which for the most part is not a necessary tool for drinking beverages.

I fully support all bills that will lead to a safer, cleaner, more sustainable environment for Connecticut and its neighbors.

- SB No. 301 and SB No. 297 will ban of chlorpyrifos and PFAS and is a necessary step in removing harmful chemicals from our land and waterways, as is preventing off-shore drilling in Long Island Sound HB 5344. Preserving farmland and open space in Connecticut makes sense economically (keeping farm produce and products close to our residents) and aesthetically.
- HB No. 5103 asks for environmental justice, an issue not widely familiar to most people, but essential for a just and moral system of protecting the most vulnerable populations from suffering from the most toxin-producing processing plants and industries.

