

Vermont State House

Environment and Energy Committee



Testimony on House Bill 158

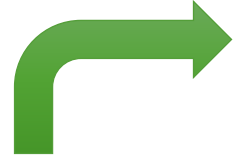
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Putney Road Redemption Center
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Putney Road Redemption Center



Distributor



Material Processor



- Collects/processes sorted containers
- Pays redemption centers 8.5-9 cents per container



Redemption Center/Retailer



- Pays customer 5 cents per container
- Sorts empty containers for pickup



- Sells container to retail
- Collects 5 cents per container
- Pays material processor



- Collects unclaimed deposits



Retailer



- Sells container to customer
- Collects 5 cents per container

Customer



- Consumes product and returns empty container to redemption center or retailer



50 Years of Success for Vermont's Environment

- Consistently supported by large majorities of Vermonters
- Roughly 500 tons of recyclable materials taken out of the solid waste stream
- Clean stream of recyclables
- Model for responsible corporate behavior
- Putney Rd has operated in Brattleboro for over 30 years
- Build on our strengths, not our weaknesses



Single-stream and the Demise of Recycling



- More material in Recycling Bins
- Less material actually getting recycled
- Chittenden Solid Waste glass scandal
- Redemption provides the single best stream of recyclables to the market.

Where The Nickles Go

FOODPANTRIES.ORG

Northfield, Vermont Food Pantries



ProjectFeed
the thousands



... about 25 local charities, schools, churches, youth groups



Team of lifelong Vermonters supporting their families



Keeping Tons of Recyclables out of Wyndham Solid Waste

And Where They DON'T Go...



House Bill 158

- Increases the scope of the Bottle Bill to include:
 - Wine
 - Bottled Water
 - Juice and Sports Drinks
- 1-cent increase in handling fee for non commingled containers
- Creates Producer Responsibility Organization which will
 - Reduce or eliminate brand sorting
 - Ensure more timely pickup from TOMRA or others

Thank you!

