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Beverage Association of Vermont  
c/o Andrew MacLean  
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Dear Mr. MacLean:

I am writing to thank you for your testimony before the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife (Committee) regarding S.285, an act relating to universal recycling. The information you provided regarding a privately-funded system for the collection and recycling of plastic film was of great interest to the Committee. Based on the information you provided, the Committee amended S.285 to provide time for the implementation and evaluation of the program to recycle plastic film (plastic film recycling program).

Specifically, the Committee amended S.285 to delay until July of 2020, the requirement for the manufacturers and distributors of beverage containers to collect and remit to the State unclaimed deposits on beverage container (the escheats). Prior to July of 2020, the Committee encourages, the Beverage Association of Vermont to continue to pursue the plastic film recycling program. If the plastic film recycling program is successful, the Committee will consider recommending repeal of the requirement for beverage manufacturers and distributors to remit the escheats to the State.

In order to make a recommendation to repeal the return of the escheats to the State, the Committee will need information and analyses of the effectiveness of the plastic film recycling program. The Committee amended S.285 to require the Agency of Natural Resources to provide testimony on or before January 30, 2019 regarding the success of the plastic film recycling program.

Please coordinate with the Agency so the Agency can prepare an informed presentation to the Committee in January 2019 and 2020 of its review of the plastic film recycling program. The Agency's input will be integral to any recommendation of future action regarding the escheats. In addition, when testimony is scheduled

on the plastic film program, the Committee will invite you and participants in the program to testify and provide your input and recommendations for the program and use of the escheats.

Thank you again for the information you provided to the Committee regarding the plastic film recycling program. The Committee believes the program has significant potential to remove a substantial amount of plastic waste from landfills for recycling or repurposing. Successful implementation of the program could be a model for all states, and the Committee wishes you success.

If you need additional information or clarification regarding the amendments to S.285 or future testimony on the plastic film program, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

David Deen Chair  
Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife