Vermont State Senate

Natural Resources and Energy Committee

Testimony on House Bill 175

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Putney Road Redemption Center
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Putney Road Redemption Center

Distributor

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

Retailer

- Sells container to customer
- Collects 5 cents per container

Material Processor

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

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- Collects unclaimed deposits

Customer

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

Redemption Center/Retailer

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

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
- Closure of the Chinese Market (2019)
- 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

Putney Road Redemption Center

EST 1990 · FIVE CENTS · BRATTLEBORO, VT

Team of lifelong Vermonters supporting their families

WSWMD

Keeping Tons of Recyclables out of Wyndham Solid Waste

And Where They DON'T Go…

House Bill 175

- Increases the scope of the Bottle Bill to include:
  - Wine
  - Bottled Water
  - Juice and Sports Drinks
- Increases the deposit from $0.05 to $0.10.
  - Provides more incentive for consumers to return their redeemables so fewer get thrown away
- *1-cent increase in handling fee was removed in the House, but is an important piece. We urge that it be added back.*

Thank you!