



MINNESOTA BEVERAGE
ASSOCIATION

Representing the bottlers & distributors of non-alcoholic beverages

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Dear Chair Marquart:

The members of the Minnesota Beverage Association are makers and distributors of almost every non-alcoholic beverage, most of which are made right here in Minnesota.

The Minnesota Beverage Association supports HF2367 (Hornstein) to provide funding to improve Minnesota's recycling infrastructure by redirecting solid waste management tax (SWMT) revenues currently deposited into the state General Fund to SCORE grants under Minn. Stats. 115A.557. This funding will help counties in their efforts to capture more recyclable materials so that it can be diverted from landfills and be reused

This additional funding complements Our *Every Bottle Back* program that invests in recycling infrastructure to meet our members' commitment to increase the use of bottles made of 100% recycled PET (rPET) and achieve circularity for our plastic bottles.

The industry's, *Every Bottle Back* is an initiative, supported by The Coca-Cola Company, Keurig Dr Pepper and PepsiCo to reduce the beverage industry's plastic footprint by improving the collection of the industry's recyclable plastic bottles so that they can be remade into new bottles.

Our member companies have carefully designed their bottles and caps to be 100% recyclable, and we want them back so that they can be remade into new bottles, decreasing the need for new plastic.

HF2367 will dedicate funds that consumers already assume are being used to manage waste and reclaim valuable materials for reuse. We thank Representative Hornstein for his efforts!

Sincerely,



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