



Commission on Sustainability  
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**Re: City Council Bill # 08-0059, Beverage Containers – Refund Value**

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary  
City Hall, Room 400  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

April 11, 2008

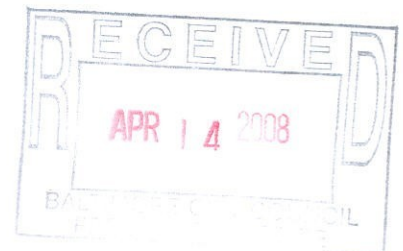
Dear Honorable President and Council Members:

City Council Bill # 08-0059 would impose a refund value of at least 10¢ to every non-reusable beverage container sold in the City. Dairy and fruit juice beverages would not be subject to this deposit. All covered containers would need to clearly indicate that it is to be sold within the City and the value of the deposit. All beverage dealers and distributors would be required to accept and pay the cash refund to any person who returned empty containers that they carried or distributed. Violators would be subject to fines of up to \$1,000 or one year imprisonment.

The Commission on Sustainability (Commission) defers comment on this bill. The Commission was sworn-in by Mayor Dixon on April 2, 2008 and will convene its first official meeting on April 22, 2008. As the Commission has yet to meet, any response to City Council Bill # 08-0059 would be premature. The Commission anticipates reviewing and commenting on proposed legislation after having made a sufficient amount of progress in developing the larger Baltimore Sustainability Plan recommendations, including adequate public input on major environmental issues. The planning process will take six months and the Commission expects to present a draft plan to the Planning Commission in October.

Regards,

Cheryl Casciani  
Chair, Commission on Sustainability



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