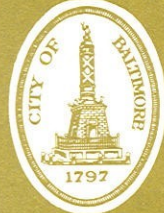


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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill #08-0059 – Beverage Containers Refund Value		

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TO

President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake  
And Members of the City Council

Please be advised of the following comments offered on behalf of the Baltimore Commission on Sustainability (CoS) in support Bill #08-0059.

The intent of this bill addresses the following goals of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan as approved by City Council on March 2, 2009:

- Cleanliness Goal #1: Eliminate litter throughout the City of Baltimore
- Resource Conservation Goal #3: Minimize the production of waste
- Resource Conservation Goal #4: Maximize reuse and recycling of materials

The implementation of a refund value program on certain beverage containers could potentially reduce the number of bottles and cans inappropriately disposed of within the City. By creating an incentive to return beverage containers for reuse and/or recycling, this bill could lead to fewer bottles and cans found on city streets and waterways, thereby reducing litter cleanup costs.

Given that this legislation would further the goals of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan, the CoS voted to approve City Council Bill #08-0059 at the Commission meeting held May 26, 2009.

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