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OPPOSE BOTTLE BILL EXPANSION

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The New York State AFL-CIO, representing 2.5 million union members, retirees, and their families oppose the above-referenced legislation.

This bill amends various sections of the environmental protection law to dramatically expand products covered by New York's "bottle bill", increase the deposit from five to 10 cents and make other programmatic changes. There are better ways to encourage recycling and the responsible disposal of these products.

The cost and operational challenges this bill will create are extremely burdensome on manufacturers, distributors and retailers and will amount to increased costs for consumers. The bill will also require dramatic shifts in daily operations and the amount of space employers will need. It will result in reduced sales and revenue that employers depend on.

This bill has the potential to negatively impact thousands of different jobs in the beverage industry, from manufacturers, distributors, and retailers, many of which are family-sustaining union jobs. The resulting need to conduct non-revenue generating operations will lead to greater automation, less hiring, less revenue to negotiate better rates, health insurance and other benefits and possibly job loss.

Therefore, this Federation urges this bill be defeated.

For further information, contact the Legislative Department at 518-436-8516.