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Senate Environment & Natural Resources
Oregon State Capitol Building
900 Court Street
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Dembrow and members of the committee,

On behalf of Maletis Beverage, we write in support of Senate Bill 914.

Oregon's bottle bill is an innovative approach to ensuring recycling and preventing litter. While other states' bottle bills are heavily regulated and run by government entities, Oregon's system deploys the innovation and efficiencies of the private sector, while relying on strong regulatory protection of public values and fair competition.

With the expansion of the bottle bill to a wide variety of containers and the raising of the deposit to ten cents it is appropriate for the Legislature to act to ensure continued fairness and a level playing field.

SB 914 seeks to ensure fairness by requiring an accurate reporting of all containers distributed or imported into Oregon. Without this requirement too many containers included in Oregon's Bottle Bill can avoid initial deposit requirements even though they are redeemed at Oregon's retailers and the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative's (OBRC) redemption facilities.

Accurate data ensures fair competition and a level playing field. Thank you to Senator Prozanski for introducing this important legislation.

Regards,

Rob Maletis, President
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