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While sustainable funding for fighting wildfires is important, changing the Oregon bottle bill to provide that funding is not the right approach. Oregonians recycle more than 2 billion bottles and cans annually, and receive more than \$200 million in refunds. Those refunds are an incentive to recycle, and common sense should tell you if you take away that incentive to fund an unrelated program people will stop recycling. We don't want to return to what we had over 50 years ago, with cans and bottles littering our roads and sidewalks. Also, there would be a large impact on our low income and homeless communities. Those communities often rely on collecting cans and bottles to provide or supplement an income.

I urge you to leave the Oregon bottle bill intact as is. Do not let the unintended consequences of routing refunds to an unrelated state program create more problems than it solves.

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