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ACTION ALERT!

Updated Bottle Bill: An Important 'Work Around'

A workaround is a method, sometimes used temporarily, for achieving a task or goal when the usual or planned method isn't working.

One of the major issues the Updated Bottle Bill attempted to address was inadequate compensation for Redemption Centers. While the cost of business has continued to rise, these centers haven't had an increase in fees paid to them by bottlers for the past 14 years.

The failure to fairly compensate Redemption Centers for the important service they provide has resulted in the shutting down of half of the Redemption Centers in Massachusetts. Those closures equal loss of jobs, weakening of the recycling infrastructure in the state and less money flowing through the economy.

While increasing these fees is not the same as passage of the Updated Bottle Bill, increasing compensation for the Redemption Centers will right a serious wrong and demonstrate a commitment to recycling in the Commonwealth. Also, it turns out that this is an action that can be taken by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Richard Sullivan, without approval by the legislature.

Secretary Sullivan appeared at the final rally in support of the Update and spoke eloquently and passionately about the need for passage. Please encourage him to 'walk the walk' by signing the petition link below created by our coalition partner, the Sierra Club. The Governor, Secretary and Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner, Kenneth Kimmel, need to know that we want Redemption Centers to be fairly compensated.

Take one minute to sign on to the letter requesting this important action by going to: <https://secure.sierraclub.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=9064>.