



Memorializing Resolution of the City Council - #0006-2024

Sponsored by: **Mary Lupien** East District Representative & **Mitch Gruber** At-Large Representative

To The Honorable
Rochester City Council
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614

RE: Memorializing the Governor, Members of the State Senate and Assembly to Support the Strong Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (A.5322-A/S.4246-A) and Expand the State's Bottle Bill (A.6353/S.237-B)

Honorable Council Members:

We ask you to join us by signing your name on this Memorializing Resolution - to urge New York State leaders to support the Strong Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act and Expand the State's Bottle Bill - and, in doing so, to collectively **State and Resolve:**

WHEREAS, packaging makes up approximately 40 percent of the waste in New York State; and

WHEREAS, managing packaging waste costs New York taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, some packaging is not recyclable and reusable and refillable packaging systems are not readily available; and

WHEREAS, plastic causes serious pollution including litter and use of toxic chemicals; and

WHEREAS, companies that produce packaging should help bear the costs of packaging waste, not just taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, enacting the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, as drafted in the New York Assembly A.5322-A and the New York Senate S.4246-A, would reduce waste, increase recycling rates, create jobs, reduce toxicity in products, provide millions of dollars in savings for local governments and taxpayers, and lower greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act should work in tandem with and supplement New York State's Returnable Container Act; and

WHEREAS, New York's Returnable Container Act (A.6353/S.237-B) should be modernized to reflect an expanded market of beverages, and the deposit on beverage containers should be increased to 10 cents.

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Now, Therefore, be it RESOLVED, We, the undersigned Members of Rochester City Council, urge the New York State Legislature to pass and Governor Kathy Hochul to sign into law a strong and effective Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act A5322-A/S4246-A, and an expanded and modernized Bottle Bill A.6353/S.237-B; and we shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York Assembly Speaker and New York State Senate Majority Leader, the local State Assembly and State Senate Delegation along with all others deemed necessary and proper.

Sincerely,



Mary Lupien, City Councilmember
East District Representative



Mitch Gruber, City Councilmember
At-Large Representative

Attachment

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The following Councilmembers join their colleague in support of Memorializing Resolution 0006-24:



Miguel A. Meléndez, President
At-Large Representative



LaShay D. Harris, Vice President
South District Representative



Willie Lightfoot, Councilmember
At-Large Representative



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At-Large Representative



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Northwest District



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At-Large Representative