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The Honorable Assemblymember Loni Hancock, Chair
Assembly Natural Resources Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

VIA Fax: 916-319-2192

RE: SB 1625 (Corbett) Bottle Bill Update – Support

Dear Assemblymember Hancock:

City of Milpitas urges your support of Senate Bill 1625, sponsored by Ellen Corbett. This bill, if adopted, will help reduce plastic litter, waste and marine debris by expanding California's successful Container Recycling Law to include all plastic bottles.

Approximately half of all plastic bottles and plastic-coated beverage boxes sold in this State are not currently redeemable for a refund under existing law. While upwards of 95 percent of these containers are technically recyclable, less than 12% are currently being recycled.

This bill will add a "California Refund Value" of 5 cents (10 cents on containers 24 ounces and larger) to all plastic bottles and plastic-coated containers, thereby applying the resources, infrastructure and incentives of California's most successful recycling program to the problem of plastic bottles and plastic-coated containers that are now landfilled or become litter and marine debris.

We urge your 'Yes' vote on this important bill when it is heard in Senate Appropriations.

Sincerely,

Jose S. Esteves, Mayor
CITY OF MILPITAS