

**Grace Diaz**

RI House

District 11

QUESTION 1

Do you support reforming the Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) by eliminating the politically appointed council and replacing it with a Department of Coastal Resources?

ANSWER: **Yes****QUESTION 2**

Would you support legislation to create a recycling refund system for beverage containers in Rhode Island?

ANSWER: **Yes****QUESTION 3**

Please share any additional ideas or priorities you would have as a state legislator to improve and protect Narragansett Bay and its watershed.

ANSWER:

Yes, I would support legislation to create a recycling refund system for beverage containers in Rhode Island. Protecting Narragansett Bay and our coastal communities requires more than education and cleanups—we also need effective policies that reduce litter at its source and increase recycling. Beverage containers remain a significant part of marine debris, and the growing presence of microplastics in the Bay is deeply concerning. I believe a well-designed bottle deposit and refund system can help keep containers out of our streets, waterways, and shoreline while encouraging responsible recycling. I would be pleased to work with Save The Bay, environmental advocates, businesses, and my legislative colleagues to develop a fair and effective system that protects our environment for future generations.