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RI Senate

District 13

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:

In addition to a recycling refund system, I would also support Extended Producer Responsibility legislation. An EPR can generate funding for a robust recycling refund system. Creating legislation without a funding mechanism for implementation is a pipedream and that happens often with the Rhode Island State Legislature.

It could also help fund waste and recycling clean-ups. Organizations who work closest on environmental sustainability and waste clean up can help legislators decide the best use of the funds generated by an ERP.

Another hope of instituting an ERP is that it becomes a catalyst for manufacturers to become more innovative and increase compostability of the products they create.