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Deposits Make Cents!



DEAR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS,

We support Columbia's Deposit Ordinance because it **reduces litter, saves tax dollars and achieves the highest rates of bottle and can recycling** in Missouri. Requiring a refundable deposit on carbonated soft drinks and beer has worked in our city for 20 years, keeping more than 450 million beverage containers off of our streets and parks, and out of landfills.

Deposits work because they provide a financial incentive to take bottles and cans back to the grocery store. Popularly known as the 'bottle bill' by residents of 10 states and most Columbians, the deposit system is simply the most effective public or private recycling solution.

Nationally, deposit systems average a 78 percent recycling rate, which is 2 or 3 times higher than in communities that rely exclusively on curbside recycling. Our deposit ordinance succeeds at **virtually no cost to taxpayers**. Responsibility to make the system work is placed on companies that profit from selling beverages and consumers purchasing the products.

If Columbia relied on 'blue bag' curbside recycling alone, millions of cans and bottles would be littering our streets and parks or going to landfills instead of being recycled. Taxpayers would pay more to clean up the mess.

Columbia voters know that **deposits are a common sense policy**, which is why voters have rejected repeal attempts in four previous elections. Columbia's deposit ordinance really is 'too good to throw away'.

ON APRIL 2, VOTE "NO" ON PROP 1



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