



MINNESOTA BEVERAGE
ASSOCIATION
Representing the bottlers & distributors of non-alcoholic beverages

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Dear Chair Davids & Tax Committee Members:

The members of the Minnesota Beverage Association are makers and distributors of non-alcoholic beverages, most of which are made right here in Minnesota.

The Minnesota Beverage Association supports HF1359 (Johnson)/SF1082 (Dibble) to dedicate solid waste management tax (SWMT) revenues, currently going to the General Fund, to the resource management account for SCORE grants. This funding will help our counties in their efforts to capture more recyclable materials and meet state recycling goals.

This additional funding complements Our *Every Bottle Back* program that invests in recycling infrastructure to meet our members' commitment to increase the use of bottles made of 100% recycled PET (rPET) and achieve circularity for our plastic bottles.

Our member companies have carefully designed their bottles and caps to be 100% recyclable, and we want them back so that they can be remade into new bottles so we can meet our goals of using more recycled material, decreasing the need for new plastic.

HF1359 and SF1082 will dedicate funds that consumers already assume are being used to manage waste and reclaim valuable materials for reuse. We thank Sen. Dibble and Rep. Johnson for their efforts!

Sincerely,



Tim Wilkin
President