It is long-overdue to bring Iowa’s Bottle Redemption Program into the 21st (or even the late 20th Century). Please support legislation to increase the handling fees and

to redirect unclaimed fees from the distributors to the state for support of environmental programs and/or updating redemption technologies. Be sure to consider those Iowans, especially those who live in rural areas, and provide a way for them to redeem bottles and cans easily. It is also past time to increase the deposit to bring it into better alignment with current costs of the program.

Finally, it would be lovely to expand the redemption program to include other beverage containers.

When combined these changes to the Bottle Bill will help to make Iowa beautiful**.**