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Co-chairs Cohen and Gresko, Vice-Chairs Slap and Palm, Ranking Members Miner and Harding, and other distinguished members of the Environment Committee

Re: SB [928](#) - An Act Concerning Recycled Content for Products Sold in Connecticut.

Honorable members,

The Council on Environmental Quality (Council) supports SB 928 that requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to develop recommendations for recycled content requirements for products sold in the state. This is consistent with a recommendation in the Council's October special report, *Low Deposit, Low Return*. The Bill is a logical addition to other State laws. CGS [4a-67a](#) encourages the use of goods that contain recycled materials and the use of products that are recyclable or remanufactured when the State makes purchases. Also, CGS [4a-67b](#) discourages the State's purchase of single use items.

If Connecticut acted alone it might not influence manufacturers to increase the percent of recycled content in products. The Bill appropriately directs the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to consider the recycled content requirements of other states in making recommendations for recycled content requirements in Connecticut. With sufficient markets, manufacturers are likely to respond.

If enacted, the Bill should enhance the market for recycled materials and assist in achieving the State's solid waste reduction goals.

Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Peter Hearn
Executive Director