



January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Missouri House of Representatives  
House Committee on Government Efficiency  
201 W. Capitol Ave, House Hearing Room # 7  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

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**Re: Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 2761– Glass Packaging Institute**

Dear Chair Hausman and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Glass Packaging Institute (GPI), I offer the following comments and testimony in opposition to HB 2761. GPI is the North American trade association for the glass container (bottle and jar) manufacturers, glass recyclers and other suppliers to the industry.

Our member companies produce domestic food and beverage glass containers purchased in grocery stores and retail outlets. GPI's members include glass container manufacturing and glass bottle recycling facilities in Missouri, which collectively employ over 150 Missourians.

By using recycled glass recovered in Missouri, remelted to make new bottles and jars in-state at the plant in Pevely, energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions are significantly in tandem, anywhere from 6-10% for every 10 percent of recycled glass in the manufacturing batch. Recycled glass recovered is also successfully reused to manufacture fiberglass insulation in-state.

HB 2761 would weaken Missouri's solid waste system by eliminating solid waste management districts and reduce the reliable grant funding for local recycling effort they currently provide. While increased support for illegal dumping enforcement is important, dismantling regional infrastructure shifts the state toward costly cleanup rather than effective prevention, currently achieved through recycling of materials collected.

Solid waste management districts play a critical role in coordinating local

programs, providing technical assistance, and ensuring that public funds are used efficiently. Grant funding has been essential to expanding recycling and composting services, reducing landfill dependence, and supporting local economic development.

The glass bottle and jar recycling industry relies in part on the currently available and critical grant funding opportunities provided to achieve environmental goals, and to support in-state manufacturing careers.

HB 2761 may negatively impact these grants in the future, reducing an important tool that recycling and manufacturing companies in-state use to leverage their own considerable investments in recovery and successful reuse of glass sold throughout Missouri.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments, and we look forward to engagement with legislators, staff and stakeholders across the state to ensure the future viability of glass recycling programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott DeFife". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Scott DeFife  
President