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Philip Payton
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**Re: Letter of Recommendation for the Container Recycling Institute (CRI)
*Iowa DNR, Recovery of Deposit-Eligible Beverage Containers, 24ESDLQBLRASM-0001***

Dear Philip,

On behalf of the Glass Packaging Institute (GPI), the North American trade association for the glass food and beverage manufacturing companies, glass recycling and other suppliers to the industry, I am pleased to offer this letter of reference in strong support of the Container Recycling Institute's (CRI) application to calculate the state's recovery and recycling rates for deposit eligible beverage containers (DEBCs).

GPI, our member companies and others across packaging substrates, as well as local and state government representatives, have come to rely on the detailed, thoughtful, non-partisan analysis and reports provided by the CRI on the recovery of containers in deposit programs across the country.

The team at CRI, led by Susan Collins, have a clear understanding of deposit programs. I have seen these findings presented at industry and state ENGO conferences across the country. Their findings are presented in an easy-to-follow manner and are always supported with strong research and data.

Thank you for your consideration of our letter, and support for the CRI application.

If you would like to discuss further, I may be reached at 703-684-6359.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott DeFife". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Scott DeFife
President