



# SUPPORT

## **A. 8305-A/S. 6647-A (Paulin/Krueger)**

*AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the prohibition of the use of plastic beverage container packaging*

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A. 8305-A/S. 6647-A (Paulin/Krueger), which would ban the sale of plastic beverage connectors, such as the plastic six-rings typically used to hold beer or soda.

Currently, New York State requires plastic beverage connectors to either be biodegradable or meet minimum post-recycled content requirements. While these rules are considerably better than the alternative, they still allow for too much plastic, and microplastics as the connectors degrade over time, to build up in our waterways and natural areas. Plastic pollution is a severe threat to local ecosystems, especially marine ecosystems. Microplastics can build up over time in fish and other animals, eventually being ingested by humans. The only permanent solution to the plastic pollution crisis is to produce less plastic in the first place.

A. 8305-A/S. 6447-A would ban all plastic beverage connectors in New York State, thereby advancing our goal of using less plastic and producing less plastic pollution. For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters urges passage of A. 8305-A/S. 6447-A.

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