

NEW HAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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November 7, 2025

The Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers, President
New Haven Board of Alders
City Hall
165 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06510
(via email)

Re: Resolution on Nips-Ban Enabling Legislation

Madam President:

At our meeting on Wednesday, November 5, the Environmental Advisory Council voted to submit the attached resolution requesting that the Connecticut General Assembly pass legislation to enable municipalities to ban the sale of nips (mini liquor bottles). The EAC requests that the Board of Alders approve this resolution and send it to the CGA.

More nips are sold in New Haven than any other municipality in the state. Residents of our city suffer the consequences of plastic and glass litter from nip bottles and their tiny lids and other environmental hazards caused by the sale of nips.

We are concerned that our city is being blighted and our water is being contaminated with nips, and the money New Haven receives from the state from the sale of nips cannot eliminate the problem.

This resolution will not result in the ban of even one nip; however, it will give municipalities a choice to stop nips from being sold within their borders.

Please contact Kathy Fay at kathyfay@gmail.com or 203/815-5615 with questions or concerns. Thank you for addressing pressing environmental issues.

Sincerely,

The New Haven Environmental Advisory Council

News report of number of nips sold:

<https://www.ctinsider.com/connecticut/article/ct-nip-sales-fee-program-litter-cleanup-million-50-2111331.php>

ATTACHMENTS:

Nips Resolution

Nips Presentation to EAC by Tom Metzner