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Dear Advisor,

When I was Student Council President, or SRA as we called it at North Clayton High School, we participated in the WSB Glass Recycling Contest for High Schools in Georgia. While we did not win the cash prize, we did learn lots about glass recycling and its challenges.

Fast forward 45 years and it seems our state has gone backwards in an effort to keep glass out of landfills. As you may know, glass is 100 percent recyclable, and when tossed into a landfill takes up valuable space. Our single stream recycling system leaves glass dirty making it very difficult for glass companies to reuse it.

In an effort to help our youngest residents learn more about this issue, my colleague, Commissioner Jason Shaw, and myself are sponsoring the same contest that I participated in years ago in high school. Your school can sign up and participate for this "Clean Glass Recycling" and possibly win a cash prize. These proceeds will be donated to the student body of the school care of a student-led Club, to be used as the officers of that Club see fit.

1<sup>st</sup> Place--\$2500

2<sup>nd</sup> Place--\$1250

3<sup>rd</sup> Place--\$1000

4<sup>th</sup> Place--\$750

5<sup>th</sup> Place--\$500

6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Place--\$400 each

Commissioner Shaw and I have laid out some guidelines that will require some effort:

- 1) Submit your school's Participation Agreement to my office (attached).

- 2) Collect glass in containers and store somewhere secure at your school separated into three colors: Clear, Brown and Green/Blue. Do not mix the colors in containers. Do not break glass if possible.
- 3) Arrange with my office for pickup of glass at your school by **Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 2024**. Your glass will be weighed at MHC Kenworth in McDonough and placed in a box truck for delivery to Valdosta's ARGLASS facility.
- 4) Join us for the Awards Ceremony and Celebration at Zoo Atlanta! Each school can bring up to 10 students. Tickets for up to 10 students plus 2 advisors per school are being provided by Georgia Natural Gas. Meet my staff in front of zoo entrance to pick up your school's tickets. The awards ceremony will be held at 12 noon on **Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Georgia Natural Gas Pavilion near the Children's Zoo portion of the property.
- 5) Your school is welcome to come as early as they like and stay as late as they like. The Zoo opens at 9am. Please check in at the registration table outside the Zoo Customer Service window on the plaza to pick up your entry tickets.

Commissioner Shaw and I realize that this is a challenging effort, but one that is well worth it. Best of luck if you choose to participate.

Simply respond to this letter with an email to [FHenning@psc.ga.gov](mailto:FHenning@psc.ga.gov) and let us know the School Name, Club Participating, Primary Contact for the Contest, Email, and Cell Phone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Echols". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "E".

Commissioner Tim Echols