Support- S543/A5082 (Kaminsky/Englebright)

*Prohibits hotels from making available to its hotel guests small plastic bottles containing hospitality personal care products*

Riverkeeper strongly supports S543/A5082, which would prohibit hotels from providing guests with hospitality products in plastic bottles. Passing this bill would greatly help NY hotels and their patrons contribute to less single-use waste. Hotels such as Marriott International and IHG, the company that owns Holiday Inn Kimpton, and other hotel companies, are already moving in the direction to remove single-use plastic waste from their businesses.

Passing this bill would allow hotels to use other methods that hotels can provide hospitality products such as a wall-mounted dispenser, larger bottles, or packaging other than plastic bottles. Implementing this bill would further decrease the waste from the hospitality sector. In New York City alone, hotels produce an estimated 27 million plastic bottles annually. This bill would place penalties on hotels to prevent the hotels from utilizing plastic bottles for their hospitality products. Under the proposed legislation, hotels would be fined $250 for the first violation after receiving a warning if they do not follow the plastic bottle ban and may receive an additional $500 for further violations.

Riverkeeper strongly urges the legislature to pass this legislation to reduce plastic pollution.

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