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H.R. 5279: Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Tax Act of 2014

Federal.

It's in the House of Representatives bill. It is Sponsor Rosa DeLauro Representative for Connecticut's 3rd congressional district.

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Obesity is becoming a big issue of world these days. The prevalence of obesity in the United States has increased dramatically over the past 30 years. The number of overweight and obesity is increasing among adults and children every year. It can be serious and costly. This can cause to more health problems in people and increase the cost of health care. "Nation spends an estimated \$190 billion a year treating obesity-related health conditions." Drinking sugary beverages and junk food that has no nutritional value is contributing to these problems. The volumes of sugary drinks are increasing as well as advertisements which encourage people to drink more and larger sugary drinks. "A typical 20-ounce soda contains 15 to 18 teaspoons of sugar and upwards of 240 calories. A 64-ounce fountain cola drink could have up to 700 calories." I'm writing to Congressman John Garamendi because he is from my district and this bill was introduced and sponsored by senators from the same district. He can be helpful with this matter.

URL: <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/nutritionsource/sugary-drinks-fact-sheet/>