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GPI President Scott DeFife to Lead Glass Recycling Foundation's Executive Board

DeFife will lead the Board in advancing GRF's mission and initiatives

**ARLINGTON, VA.** - Scott DeFife, President of the Glass Packaging Institute (GPI), was named President of the <u>Glass Recycling Foundation's (GRF)</u> Executive Board. GRF's vision is to increase recycling through sustainability education and best practices to ensure the maximum benefit for communities and the environment. Jennifer Cumbee of Ardagh Group was also named the newest member of the GRF Board. DeFife succeeds Lynn Bragg as Board President, and joins Ron Holmes of Diageo and Laura Hennemann of Strategic Materials as officers of GRF's Executive Board.

"I am honored to serve as President of GRF's Executive Board," said DeFife. "I am grateful for the time and talent that Lynn Bragg contributed to the Board and thank her for her years of leadership. I look forward to continuing her work and driving forward GRF's mission to promote and preserve glass recycling across America. GPI and GRF already work closely together to address gaps in the glass recycling supply chain and increase glass recycling access through education and industry collaboration. I am eager to continue building upon this important work."

"First, I would like to thank Lynn Bragg for all her work in leading the GRF and getting the foundation to where it is today," said Ron Holmes, Treasurer of the Glass Recycling Foundation's Executive Board. "I am very excited to have Scott take on the role as President. With his background and expertise, he will be able to continue to grow the GRF and its mission to positively impact glass recycling around the US."

DeFife takes the helm as Board President just as GRF has received the foundation's first \$50,000 to its endowment. Owens-Illinois (O-I) Charities Foundation and Diageo North America each donated \$25,000 to support the GRF through pilot projects leveraging best practices to improve glass recycling.

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## About the Glass Recycling Foundation

The Glass Recycling Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization, was founded in April of 2019 to provide and raise funds for localized and targeted assistance, demonstration, and pilot projects that address gaps in the glass recycling supply chain across the United States.

The Glass Recycling Foundation works closely with the Glass Recycling Coalition, an organization that has championed glass recycling education, best practices, and technical support for communities, in identified targeted areas. The organization has focused on opportunities to make an impact on glass recycling on a local-level, and GRF will support these efforts for scalable projects.

Learn more at www.glassrecyclingfoundation.org

About the Glass Packaging Institute

Founded in 1919 as the Glass Container Association of America, the Glass Packaging Institute (GPI) is the trade association representing the North American glass container industry. On behalf of glass container manufacturers, GPI promotes glass as the optimal packaging choice, advances environmental and recycling policies, advocates industry standards, and educates packaging professionals. Follow GPI on <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a> and <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, and connect with us on <a href="LinkedIn">LinkedIn</a> for updates on all things glass.

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