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LD 2091

Thank you all for your hard work in the legislature.

I am writing in support of LD2091. I have long been concerned about plasticizers in plastic food containers leaching into food. I buy food in glass containers whenever possible even though the food is more expensive than food in plastic containers. I also store leftovers in glass containers. The February 2024 issue of Consumer Reports includes an article, "How to Eat Less Plastic", that discusses the unhealthy chemicals that move from the plastic into our food.

Further reasons to support this bill include that I am concerned about the amount of plastic that is accumulating in our environment and I don't want to receive food and other goods in wasteful plastic packaging. Reusable food packaging was used before plastics became commonly available and had a good record of being safe, reusable soft drink bottles are one example. Reusable food packaging is currently used in many states and countries and is totally safe with proper sanitation. Businesses in our state would like to do their part to reduce waste but current laws prevent them from doing more. LD2091 does not create a new prohibition, instead it gives businesses more choices by removing a prohibition against using reusable containers. So, I urge you to strongly support LD2091.