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Plastic pollution threatens both human health and our natural environment. Plastic waste litters our waters, forests, our open spaces. It chokes wildlife, and, as it breaks down, it makes its way into the food web. The majority of this litter enters as large pieces of single-use plastic trash such as bottles and caps, bags, containers, and packaging. Plastic never goes away, even “biodegradable” plastic. It breaks down into smaller and smaller pieces through exposure to the elements. So the best thing we can do is minimize our use of it. That is why I support Maine's current laws encouraging us, through small fees, to use reusable bags and paper rather than plastic. I oppose LD 56.