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LD 56

Dear Committee Members,

I am asking you to please vote down LD 56. Removing the 5 cent fee for single use plastic bags is a step backwards for the environment and it is totally unnecessary. The small fee has been proven to help reduce plastic pollution and has encouraged the vast majority of consumers in Maine to bring reusable shopping bags to the stores. I spend the winter in Florida and I can tell you first hand what it looks like to live in a state that doesn't charge for plastic bags----they are found discarded everywhere! They are an eyesore and a danger to many animals, especially when they end up in bodies of water. The efforts we have taken in Maine to reduce pollution are commendable---and they work. Please keep the current laws for fee-for-bags as they are.

Thank you.