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Plastic pollution is forever--it never goes away, rather it breaks down into smaller and smaller particles, which are now found in the bodies of animals, in our brains, and in women's breast milk. Now, when plastic pollution is reaching a crisis level, is not the time to turn back Maine's commitment to reducing plastics in our oceans and rivers, on our beaches and roadsides, and within the bodies of all of us. Bringing a reusable bag to the store may not be the solution to all of our plastic pollution problems, but it is a small, meaningful step that reminds each of us, on a daily basis, of our connection to the waste stream and our ability to make a difference. It's this act of awareness that might be the most powerful part of the bag ban, although not seeing plastic bags floating through the air on a breezy spring day is an added bonus. Please, do the right thing and vote no on LD 69 and all other efforts to increase plastics in our environment.