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LD 69

Members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee,
Please oppose LD 69, "An Act to Repeal the Law Restricting the Use of Certain
Plastic, Paper and Single Use Bags."

I am proud to live in the state of Maine. We have a beautiful state and we care about and protect our environment. On a recent trip to Arizona I was delighted by the desert but dismayed to see to see plastic and foam containers and bags everywhere, in stores, along the side of the road and even caught up in the beautiful saguaros in the desert.

We know that plastic never goes away. We know that plastic is very difficult or even impossible to recycle. We know that micro plastics have invaded our water systems and that plastic waste is littering our forests and open spaces and making its way into the food web. We also know that plastic has become a necessary part of our lives but we need to eliminate it whenever possible. Maine has made a good start in doing this by reducing the use of single use plastic bags for shopping.

Please oppose LD 69. Maine has led the nation in tackling plastic pollution. Let's continue to do so. We Mainers are happy to bring our own bags to and make Maine a cleaner place.