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LD 1122

Senator Doudera, Representative Tepler and members of the committee,

My name is Deborah Crump, I live in West Paris and I am testifying in support of LD 1122, An Act to Amend the Law Banning Single-use Carry-out Bags. I have been proud and encouraged that Maine is a leader in the nation in banning plastic bags, and was distressed to learn about the loophole that allows the use of the heavier 4 mil bags. As a Unitarian Universalist, I am a person of faith who believes in the interdependent web of all life and the need to protect our environment. Plastic bags are a blight and can endanger sea animals and birds who might ingest them. People are very used to bringing their own bags when shopping in this state, or doing without them entirely, so having such a loophole seems absurd and unnecessary.

I strongly encourage you to support this legislation to keep even more plastic out of our environment. Thank you for all your work.