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LD 56

Senator Tyler, Representative Doudera and members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

Whether to reduce the use of plastic or paper, a 5-cent bag fee at retail stores is a sensible way to accomplish reduction of those items. It is easy to keep reusable bags in our cars or even in our purses to use instead of expecting retail stores to provide them. The 5-cent fee is too low in my opinion! I wish I knew how many trees are saved and fossil fuels unused by the simple good habit of using reusable bags. Climate change and unsightly litter are two glaring reasons to reduce our use of plastic and paper.

Please reject LD 56 so that people keep paying this minimal fee that promotes sustainability when they fail to bring their own reusable bags to retail stores.