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LD 69

Honorable Members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee,
Thank you for the opportunity to testify in this hearing.

I implore you to vote AGAINST LD 69, An Act to Repeal the Law Restricting the Use of Certain Plastic, Paper and Single Use Bags.

I have been impressed with our state as a forerunner to the country regarding the use of plastics. I brag whenever possible that “we” banned the use of so many harmful plastics. I am proud of the fact that styrofoam containers are mostly gone in our state.. The world is discovering the length and breadth of the harm micro and nano plastics are wreaking in our environment and in our bodies, pulling back the stops to curb plastic use seems unconscionable.

Why would you end a program that is actually doing good to help our environment? We can't afford to go backwards!!! Plastic pollution is choking our wildlife, littering our waters, and fueling the climate crisis. In a time when we are just beginning to truly understand how poisonous plastics are, making them more prolific will impact the health and well being of our children and grandchildren .

Thank you.