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I oppose making plastic bags freely available to customers in retail stores in Maine. Having to pay 5 cents to use a plastic bag reminds shoppers that choosing to do things that harm our environment, and our own health ultimately, comes at a cost, a penalty, even if just a nickle. However, doing the right and responsible thing - like bringing reusable bags to stores — has no penalty. In some cases, shoppers get a credit for using their own bags. Canvas / fabric bags are so readily available and affordable now, there is no excuse not to have and use them.
Thank you.