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Please support this bill to ban 4-mil thicker plastic bags under our existing statewide plastic bag ban. Studies in states with the same exemptions are showing an increase in plastic bag waste (by weight) because of the use of thicker bags. People do not, for the most part, reuse these, so instead they pile up and simply add more plastic to the waste streams - as well as the environment. They also give bag bans a bad name because everyone can see the continued use of thicker bags and then feels the law doesn't work. The best solution is to comprehensively ban these single-use bags without exemptions for thicker bags. Nobody needs more plastic bags - the public views these bags as disposable so they will not reuse them.

A comprehensive ban will help push more Mainers toward reusable bags - the true sustainable option!