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Supplemental Testimony of Representative Sophie Warren
L.D. 1122, An Act to Amend the Law Banning Single-use Carry-out Bags
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Per discussion during the public hearing, I have responded in writing to the following question asked of me by a member of the committee to prepare for the work session:

1. **Rep. Rielly:** *Are you aware of studies on the impact of plastics on marine animals in the Gulf of Maine and economic impact?*
 - a. The following is a study by Maine's Bigelow Lab that documents the impact of microplastics on lobster and consequently our economy: [Study: Microplastics Pollution Harm Lobster Larvae.](#)¹

¹ Via [https://www.bigelow.org/news/articles/2020-06-25.html#:~:text=Microplastic%20fiber%20pollution%20in%20the,some%20larvae%20from%20reaching%20adulthood.](https://www.bigelow.org/news/articles/2020-06-25.html#:~:text=Microplastic%20fiber%20pollution%20in%20the,some%20larvae%20from%20reaching%20adulthood.;); and <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0025326X20303982?via%3Dihub>.