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**In Support of LD 1928: An Act to Prohibit Lodging Establishments from Providing Single-use Plastic Containers**

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This bill is just one of many easy ways we can wean our consumptive economy off non-essential, single use plastics. While we all hope to go further in this effort, this bill continues to gently nudge our society towards a plastic-free marketplace.

This small step is definitely not government overreach nor does it pose a burden on small or large businesses since there are so many ways to avoid these single use non-essential plastic containers and since we all remember hotels where these types of containers were not so prolific. There are alternative materials that can be used and alternative ways to provide these types of materials and conveniences to the customers of these businesses. And it is the customers who are demanding these types of plastic containers be eliminated.

Thank you for considering passage of this bill and taking one small step in reducing unnecessary plastic in our marketplace, most of which ends up in our litter, our trash, our landfills, our soils, our surface waters, our groundwater and eventually - our bodies.