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Dear State Legislators,

I am a 3rd grader from Westport, CT and I am writing this letter because I want to support the proposed legislation of banning plastic bags in stores in the state of Connecticut. This is important because plastic bags pollute the environment in many ways.

Plastic bags can't be recycled, unlike paper bags, and so you have to throw them in the garbage. When you throw out plastic it contributes to waste. Plastic bags release toxic materials that seep into the water and land. They blow around and make places dirty, including parks and play grounds where kids play. They also blow into the water and beach and can harm animals that live there.

In Westport plastic bags are banned already from stores. Since they were banned our environment is much cleaner. Many stores in our town offer reusable bags for sale, and many people purchase them as a way to help the environment even more.

Using paper or reusable bags instead of plastic is a small way to make a very big difference for the environment.

Sincerely,

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