

The Case for reducing plastic usage in Connecticut

I fully support HB 1003, 5384, 5385 and 7294. There are numerous environmental and financial reasons to reduce our use of plastics – from the fossil fuel origin of plastics to the pollution and non recyclable waste such products create, and which end up in our waters and incinerators.

My own commitment relates to cat litter. If you “scoop” daily as I do, the use of plastic bags is helpful.. scoop into two Stop and Shop bags (you need two because the bags inevitably have holes in them) and then toss into the trash. Now, I am determined to scoop into something I can haul out into the woods and dump.. Sounds simple, but with ice and snow, it may be a little challenge.

These little steps (i.e. to reduce plastic bags/straws etc) are only part of a broader issue, but step by step we have to reverse the march towards global warming. We can start by keeping fracking waste out of state and by stopping plastic bags/containers/straws from being part of that waste.

Thank you.