

**Groton Conservation Advocates
76 Riverview Avenue
Groton, CT 06340**

March 7, 2019

**Re: Testimony for a public hearing Monday March 11, 2019 in the Environment
Committee in support of HB 1003, HB 5384, HB 5385**

To Members of the Environment Committee

From Elizabeth Raisbeck, co-chair, Groton Conservation Advocates
81 Main Street
Groton, CT 06340

Dear members of the Environment Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Groton Conservation Advocates to express our strong support for several bills before you in a public hearing March 11, 2019. We urge you to pass these bills out of committee this session as they are of utmost environmental concern to the state of Connecticut.

Many towns are now passing bills to reduce plastics. It is time to have a statewide law that sets strong statewide standards.

We must take immediate action to reduce plastics in our environment, which are finding their way into the entire ecosystem including most humans. The impact of plastics in the oceans is devastating on the entire food chain. Groton Conservation Advocates considers all of these bills to be important steps in reducing this problem.

WE request that you make an addition to HB 1003, which is to include a fee of 10 cents per paper bag.

Thank you for considering these comments.