

Hello,

My name is Carrie Rowe and I am writing on behalf of BYOWashington in support of the proposed plastic bag legislation (Bill No. 1003). We also encourage changes to the proposed legislation to include a fee on paper bags.

BYOWashington also supports HB 5384, 5385, and 7294.

Currently the town of Washington is considering a ban on single use disposable bags that are under 12 mil. As a member of BYOWashington, The Washington Environmental Council and Sustainable CT, I am coordinating and working with the Washington Business Association in order to ban single use disposable bags. The businesses, as well as the town, have been very supportive and we hope to pass the ordinance in April, 2019.

In Washington the local elementary school has also stopped dispensing plastic straws as have many of the businesses.

Most residents and businesses are very supportive of all of these initiatives and understand the impact that single use disposable plastic has on our environment and our health. I strongly urge you to amend and vote yes on the proposed plastic bag legislation.

I can be reached at 860-868-7887 or via email if you have any questions or need further support.

Thank you for your commitment and support,

Carrie Rowe

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