

Dear Connecticut legislature,

It is time for Connecticut to join other states such as California in seriously reducing plastic waste and pollution! It is feasible, sustainable, and responsible. I support HB 1003 (An Act Concerning Single-Use Plastic and Paper Bags), HB 5384 (An Act Concerning Polystyrene Food Service Containers), HB 5385 (An Act Eliminating Single-Use Plastic Straws), and HB 7294 (An Act Concerning Bottle Redemption). These bills will encourage both suppliers and consumers to transition away from single-use, disposable plastic items which are overwhelming our environment at an alarming rate! These bills should also incentivize reusing/recycling items such as bags, straws, and bottles through financial discounts – especially for those with low incomes in our communities. In California, there is a 10-cent fee for every paper bag used to encourage reuse of bags. Additionally, stores are required to offer reusable bags for low prices at checkout. Some stores have even implemented discounts for customers who use their own bags. All of these measures should be taken in Connecticut as well. I hope you agree with me!

Best regards,
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