Testimony of
Environment and Human Health, Inc.
By
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BILL 1003

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC AND PAPER BAGS.

To the Chairmen of the Environment Committee, Senator Cohen and Representative Demicco and Members of the Environment Committee:

Environment and Human Health, Inc. (EHHI) is in favor of Bill 1003 - IF - the Bill would add a 10 cent fee for each paper bag with fees going back to the retail stores. The 10 cent fee could be waved for those on financial subsistence programs.

They Bill as it is now written does not charge a fee for paper bags however - they simply ask that a paper bag be recyclable and be used again in some way. That is not good enough to discourage people from using paper bags. There needs to be a fee of 10 cents for each paper bag in order to discourage people from going from using single-use plastic bags to paper bags. The fee of 10 cents for each paper bag should go back to the stores -- which should sweeten the pot for the stores. The 10 cent fee could be waved for those on financial subsistence programs.

Thank you for your attention,

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