

PLASTIC STRAWS

To: Honored Chairs Sen. Cohen and Rep. Demicco and Distinguished Members of the Environment Committee

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On behalf of my children and grandchildren, and all the residents of CT, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **IN SUPPORT of SB 299** to restrict distribution of plastic straws.

SB 299 would prohibit full-service restaurant owners from automatically providing plastic straws to patrons. This bill is one step in further reducing plastic waste in the state and providing a cleaner future for Connecticut residents.

Effectively limiting our consumption of unnecessary plastic materials is crucial to ensure a prosperous future for our open spaces and wildlife.

Commitment to bills like SB 299 is crucial in shaping a future free from unnecessary plastic waste.

We urge you to vote YES on **SB 299**. Thank you for your consideration as you deliberate on this bill.

Sincerely,

Val Chamberlain