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Please support banning plastic straws at restaurants, except when requested or offered to persons with disabilities. I love the metal straw I purchased for \$3.99. I keep it in my car for when I get a takeout drink so I can refuse the offer of a straw. (I rinse it with soapy water after each use when I get home and then put it back in my car.) I don't need straws in restaurants and I always try to return one to the wait staff if it's left on the table. Banning plastic straws is such an easy way to reduce waste plastic, with very little inconvenience or expense for the consumer. I am working hard in my personal life to reduce my reliance on unneeded plastic. I once witnessed a seagull eating a discarded plastic bag that had some food material on it and it broke my heart. I knew that bird would die. You see straws and plastic bags strewn everywhere. It's unsightly and dangerous to our abundant wildlife.

I am proud of our legislators who voted last session to eventually ban single-use plastic bags. It's no big deal to bring my own bags to the store when I'm shopping. Getting rid of plastic straws is equally a no-brainer.

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