

Dear Senate Commerce Committee

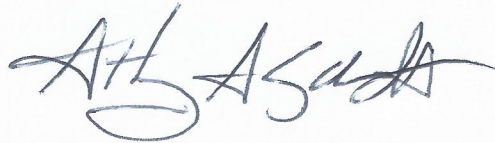
I am writing in opposition to SB47 Preventing Home Rule on Plastics, Etc.

I don't even know where to begin. How did some in the legislature come to the conclusion that Topeka should be telling local community governments what they can and cannot do in relation to the onslaught of our planets biodiversity? What could be the common good in thwarting efforts to rectify the damage we do to God's creation? Is there any doubt communities must end the use of this poisonous convenience?

The alternatives are so obvious and easy to adapt to. It is not like switching to an electric car or cutting back on beef consumption. Using reusable shopping bags is super easy. It shouldn't be a difficult item for legislatures to leave to municipalities.

Are merchants who make up the chamber of commerce striving to hold onto something seriously harming our biodiversity? Yes. Is the fossil fuel industry pressing to protect this auxiliary plastic business of theirs? Yes. Not moving on this issue is the right thing to do. Drop it please. Passage will bring harm to the long and short term common good.

Thank you
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anthony Schmidt". The signature is stylized and cursive, with the first name "Anthony" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Schmidt".