

Written Testimony on HB 2625

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I am an environmentalist who has requested a local ordinance concerning plastic bags. I live in Lawrence Kansas. Lawrence City Commission is considering that ordinance at this time. During this process, public comment was solicited. There were comments both for and against a fee on plastic bags, however, the majority felt in favor of the proposed ordinance. Plastic trash creates a monetary problem for the city's solid sanitary waste systems, it litters our landscape and science has shown we all, wildlife included have microscopic plastic particles ingested in every part of our bodies.

I am in opposition to HB 2625.

I believe this pre-emptive regulation is a classic example of "big" government telling each citizen how to run business, a matter that each citizen can determine for his or herself. Without HB 2625, if a municipality wants to address plastic waste, they can.

Thank you very much.