

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing you to express my opposition to HB 2625, which would limit the authority to regulate plastic bag use to the state legislature. This is precisely the kind of issue that should be regulated by local government. Three merchants in Lawrence have already eliminated plastic bags from their stores: Aldi, the Merc, and Natural Grocers. As you are probably aware, single-use plastic bags are a major environmental hazard. I am not going to elaborate, since I trust you are all aware of this issue. The City of Lawrence is currently considering the issue of plastic bags within the city and should be allowed to make decisions for its citizens without the state usurping this right.

Therefore, I hope you will vote "no" on HB 2625.

Thank you.

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