

Dear House Committee on Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development:

Written-only Opponent for HB 2625

I am contacting you about the recent move by the Kansas Chamber of Commerce putting Kansas House Bill 2625 (HB 2625) on the docket for approval this Thursday at 1:30. I am a conservative Republican, past local business owner, and a member of the Task Force formed to look in to the possible banning of plastic bags in Wichita. I need to express that the passing of HB 2625 is a thoroughly undemocratic move. It is a quick move to take away our rights to govern our own city. In the same argument that the Federal Government should not have the right to mandate certain issues upon a state, the state shouldn't have the right to mandate such legislation on its cities. **It is the duty of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce to defend the rights of the cities, not Kowtow to the desires of the oil industry.** They should not let themselves be bought.

This is not about the plastic bag. This is about taking away our democratic rights. The choice to ban or not should be ours, the city of Wichita.

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