

## OPPOSITION to SB 493

To: Renee Erickson, Chair, and Members of the Senate Commerce Committee

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Ty Masterton is my senator and Patrick Penn is my representative.

This bill, as read, not only **usurps the jurisdiction of local & regional governance**, but also disfavors manufacturers who currently produce cleaner, safer, and low-cost packaging products.

Clearly, this is another reckless measure to garner bounty from a dangerous, reckless, and planet-killing industry. SB 493 blatantly violates 'home rule' of local control. For instance, a local manufacturer of a safer raw material (*i.e. hemp, bioplastic, natural polymer, or compostable matter*) cannot readily enter the consumer market because this bill protects the dissemination of toxic compounds.

Moreover, localities with poor air quality may vote to declare a "low or ultra-low emission zone". Stripping local authority of reducing health threats brings forth the specter of **bigotry** toward underserved neighborhoods. Please **vote NO** on SB 493.