

Dear Chair Carpenter,  
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I strongly oppose any version of HB 2446.  
Municipalities have been banning single use plastic bags all over the USA for sometime now. Worldwide this has been going on for many decades. I am not aware of one single community that has taken a step back once they have banned single use plastic bags. There is absolutely no harm to local economies from such bans. Communities are much cleaner as a result of banning these bags. The local environments are much safer for wildlife. I cannot fathom that there is any reasonable argument for prohibiting such bans. For once please allow Kansas to flow with the current rather than insisting on taking a belligerent backwards stance that makes no sense at all. ( And you wonder why so many of our educated young people leave the state. Hint: They seek quality of life, quality of environment, wise use of resources, progressive sustainable forward minded thinking.)

I would like to remind you people that plastic bags are made from oil. Hello! Can the legislature possibly be so completely clueless as to not realize single use plastic bags are a very poor use of this precious declining commodity? Think for just a minute about the legacy you leave behind for your children and grandchildren. What will they think of you when they realized that you made a choice to squander this precious energy commodity on somethings so hideously pointless as single use plastic bags?

I find it further especially mind-boggling that Republicans of all people want to micromanage local governments in this way. Aren't you supposed to be the voice of minimal government control? It makes no sense! Let the local people decide, by their voting in local races, whether they want these bans or not. **AND HONOR THOSE LOCAL DECISIONS!!**

The state legislature has absolutely no place in this argument.

Namaste 