

**From: Bruce Blank / 2401 W. 14th St. N., Wichita, KS 67203**

**Subject: Objection to SB47**

**Dear Madam Chair Erickson:**

**My name is Bruce Blank, and I live several blocks from the Arkansas River in the Indian Hills precient of Wichita.**

**I regularly utilize the sidewalks following the Arkansas River from 21st St. to Downtown. Over the last few years, the amount of plastic trash deposited by litter has grown to the point of absolutly overwhelming the city of Wichita's abilities to absorb the negative enviornmental impact.**

**This isn't just about sight pollution. Dispite community efforts to have volunteer groups collect plastic trash, the sheer amount and volume of plastic trash generated by single use plastics exceeds any ability to contain the damage this items cause.**

**Not only is the vast majority of this trash polluting a major water resorce and endangering wildlife, but the breakdown of what constitutes single use plastic pollution is resulting in microplastic contamination of the groundwater. Initial long-term studies on the dangers of microplastic contamination are being linked to sharp rises in certain types of cancer and digestion issues in lifestock.**

**Further, by blocking cities and municipalities from reducing plastic waste and contamination, HB47 would only further this spread of plastic pollution.**

**This is an immediate public health threat that requires action to reduce and eventually eliminate microplastic pollution in Kansas.**

**I URGE the rejection by this blatant attempt by the oil and natural gas industry to control the desires of both public health officials and the public to reduce single use plastic pollution.**

**Very Truly Yours;**

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