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indicate your position :OPPONENT of SB 47

Dear Madam Chair Erickson,

I am a homeschooling (10years) mother of 2 (they are in college at Washington State University).

I oppose SB 47 and limiting cities' ability to address plastic pollution! It Allows the State Government to intrude upon home rule / local government, violating the spirit of the Kansas Constitution. SB 47 clearly disrespects the spirit of Home Rule and the powers prescribed to cities in the Kansas Constitution.

Cities that are exploring local efforts to address the problem of single-use plastic pollution are doing so based upon popular support for cleaning up their community and environment. SB 47 obstructs this positive, democratic effort and does nothing to help reduce the problem or associated costs of plastic litter.

Most of the litter a community faces today is made of plastic, most of which comes from the food and beverage industry. Cities face costs associated with plastic pollution, including extra landfill costs, community clean-up, and jamming of equipment or infrastructure.

SB 47 disempowers communities from addressing these problems and costs by not allowing them to reduce auxiliary containers at the source.

Plastics are killing our homes, food, wildlife friends, our pets, our children. Plastics are inside our very bodies. Like lead used to be. The time of Plastics is OVER! Plastics are clogging the gills of the fish we eat. Plastics are in the eggs our chickens lay. The oceans have garbage patches. The landfills are full. Full. Of. Plastic. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Politically Yours,
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