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Representative Chris Gorsek
Oregon State House of Representatives
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Salem, Oregon 97301

Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson
Oregon State Senate
900 Court St NE, S-211
Salem, OR, 97301

Re: Single Use Plastic Bags

Dear Councilor Craddick, Representative Gorsek and Senator Monnes Anderson,

With the unanimous approval of the Troutdale City Council, and on behalf of the Citizens of Troutdale, I am writing you to ask for your action on the issue of "Single Use Plastic Bags". Over the last decade many jurisdictions across the United States, and many countries around the world, have passed laws restricting the use of plastic bags by retailers for the use of their customers. We believe it is time for this issue to be appropriately addressed on a regional or state level.

Many arguments have been made over the years supporting or opposing the use of single use plastic bags. Whether you believe they are an environmental hazard because of their creation, or because of their disposal, we believe our environment would be better off without them.

However, we do not believe that a "city by city" approach, which has been the path in Oregon over the last decade, is appropriate. Not only do some cities have bans on the bags and others no ban at all, even the cities that have bans are inconsistent in their rules and application. This is unfair not only to the consumer, but to the retailer as well.

We believe it is time for either Metro or the Oregon State Legislature to pass laws and regulations that have broad application on the issue of banning or restricting retailers and consumers from using single use plastic bags. It is time to stop the "piece meal" approach to the problem, and for one of our broader public

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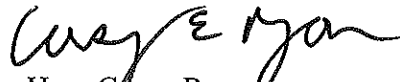
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bodies to finally weigh in on the issue and bring consistency to the rules that ban and/or govern their use. We strongly encourage you to take action within your deliberative body to push for a broader solution to the problem.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Casey Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hon. Casey Ryan
Mayor

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City Manager