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Dear Representative,

Please support HB 2509 the "Sustainable Shopping Initiative" including the 10 cent pass-through charge for paper bags and thick, reusable plastic bags. The 10 cent charge is a proven effective method to incentivize reusable bag use and decrease the use of paper bags. In Portland, one of the few cities in Oregon that does not charge a fee, paper bag usage increased by 491% in the first year of implementation. This is NOT a good thing in my opinion!

As an artist, environmental advocate and teaching artist my career is dedicated to substantive ways we can care for our planet and reducing plastic use and promoting reuse as HB 2509 does, would make a big difference.

Plastic checkout bags are a public nuisance and cause harm to Oregon's beautiful lands and waters. Not only do they harm wildlife, but also cause contamination at recycling and composting facilities and are costly to clean up. Sixteen local communities in Oregon have already passed plastic bag ordinances (and many more are in the process of doing so) to limit plastic pollution, and the local and public support for a statewide bill is overwhelming. The private sector is also taking initiative to reduce plastic bag pollution. Kroger, the 2nd largest grocery retailer in the US after Walmart, announced they are phasing out plastic carry-home bags by 2025. Many other states including Washington and New Jersey are considering statewide plastic bag policies and Oregon should be a leader in the fight to protect the environment.

Please pass the Sustainable Shopping Initiative Bill!

Thank you!  
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