

Dear Senators,

Banning single-use plastic bags is a meaningful step toward minimizing nasty trash caught in trees and shrubs, submerged in our waterways, and clogging our oceans. Major merchants like Kroger and Safeway favor a uniform standard that a statewide ban will bring - plus cost savings as well. Virtually all shoppers can afford to buy and use reusable bags, and I believe Recology and possibly other merchants will be giving away free reusable bags.

A bonus is that reusable bags are easier to carry, don't tear apart in parking lots, and can be used for many purposes besides grocery shopping.

Please help Oregon regain its forward-looking stature with this smart proposal. Please vote YES on HB 2509.

Thank you,

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