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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB544

Dear Oregon Legislators,

My name is Michele Riley and I am a SOLVE volunteer. As a SOLVE volunteer I have been doing an on-going clean-up for several years in my neighborhood in Depoe Bay.

I can speak first hand to the plastic debris I find every week when I pick up trash in my neighborhood. I regularly find single-use plastics from spoons to containers for sandwiches and baked goods. Plastic bags, straws and bottles too.

The bills in this session of the legislature that directly curtail single-use plastic and foam should be a great help to our environment. Too many marine mammals and seabirds have suffered great harm from the carelessness of humans tossing garbage in or near our oceans. These bills need to pass for all of those without a voice but to whom senseless harm continues to be done.

Thank you for your time and attention and for keeping Oregon green.

Michele Riley, Depoe Bay, Oregon