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On Behalf Of:

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I support SB 544. This bill is a move in the right direction to reduce our consumption of single use plastics.

Consider the impact of mining the earth for fossil fuels, then refining oil and gas to manufacture plastic ingredients, next the process of manufacturing a single use plastic item, shipping it around the world, only to be used for a matter of minutes before being thrown "away". This single use, non-recyclable item will now litter the environment for centuries.

Obviously comparable products made of metal have a mining and manufacturing footprint, but they can be reused hundreds and thousands of times. Granted, they are more expensive but we are talking pennies, not dollars. I just purchased metal spoons for our school cafeteria at \$1.35/box of 12 so each durable, reusable metal spoon cost 11 cents. And that was just an average joe purchasing online - not a wholesale rate!

I would love to see single use plastics eliminated completely but this seems like a reasonable step. I urge the Committee to support this bill.

Sincerely,  
Jane Comeault