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Support for Beyond the Bag Ban Bill (SB 551)

The Beyond the Bag Ban Bill (SB 551) represents a crucial step forward in our collective effort to reduce plastic waste and protect our environment. Single-use plastic bags and plastic food ware are a significant source of pollution, harming wildlife, clogging waterways, and contributing to the growing problem of plastic waste. I pick up these items frequently as I clean our local beaches.

A lot of hotels have now modified their use of single use plastic shampoo bottles and now make it easy for patrons by installing shampoo/soap/conditioner dispensers in the bathroom. This seems like a model that ALL hotels could use to save thousands of small plastic bottles getting thrown away. In the process the business may save money in the long run.

By supporting this bill, we endorse a sustainable future where our ecosystems are preserved, and our communities and beaches are cleaner. This legislation not only promotes the use of reusable bags but also encourages innovation in creating eco-friendly alternatives. Please, let us stand together for a greener, healthier planet by supporting SB 551.

Sincerely, Jill Marks
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