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As a 20 year resident of the Lincoln County Coast, I wish to attest to the horrific accumulation of plastics on our beaches, including single use bags from many different businesses. We who live here and visit our beaches regularly, also attempt to clean-up all this plastic with every beach walk. It is a daunting task, and often seems futile, as we clean-up one day and see whole new deposits on the beach the next day. At least paper bags would breakdown in the salt water and waves, whereas plastic bags do not. Instead, the pounding of waves tears these bags into smaller and smaller bits that become increasingly more difficult to pick up. The futility of attempting to remove these bits is heartbreaking, especially when one realizes that seabirds and other ocean creatures consume the plastics instead of food, then suffer and die from lack of nutrition. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BILL.