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Hey, My name is Rain and I would like to discuss plastic. Plastic products litter our streets, pollute our water ways and endanger our health, and the health of every creature we share this ecosystem with. Americans consume 100 billion plastic bags each year, that are then thrown away after one use. Plastic sticks around for centuries once its thrown away. We are here to ask that you vote for bill 551, to ban all plastic bags from businesses. This issue is personal for me because plastic bags break down into small peaces called microplastics. Microplastics have been found everywhere, in including human bodies. There effects are not fully known but research indicates that they are carcinogenic. Many of my relatives have died of cancer and more are fighting it. The more plastic we allow into our society, especially in products that will be in contact with our skin or food, the more people will die painful, preventable deaths. I know you have done a lot, and I really appreciate that, but there is more to do. We cannot rest until plastic has been banished from our everyday lives.