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# Assembly California Legislature



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JULIA BROWNLEY

Honorable Chair and Committee Members:

I regret not being able to be here in person to extend my gratitude and support to the City of Los Angeles as you are poised to take the next steps to ban single-use plastic bags.

As you are aware, I authored Assembly Bill 1998 last year, which would have enacted a statewide ban on this environmental scourge. The bill passed out of the Assembly. It then moved over to the Senate, where it was hit by an avalanche of cash from American Chemistry Council lobbyists who filled the halls and, unfortunately, were able to pick off enough votes to kill it. They know, however, that the fight for a statewide ban is far from over.

In the meantime, however, cities and counties are not waiting and are taking action on their own. The City of Los Angeles was ahead of the curve and has been working to develop single-use legislation for the past five years. I'm very pleased that you are now ready to move forward. I encourage you to finalize the policy and to implement a comprehensive ban within the next month.

The days of plastic bags are numbered. Thank you for standing up to the special interests. Angelenos already get the importance of switching to convenient and environmentally friendly reusable bags. This action will be another, and very significant, step in the greening of the great City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

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