

To the Committee:

I was hoping to be able to come to the hearing today but have a last minute conflict and can't make it. I am writing to ask you to please support HB 2509. I am with a group called Bag It Better Newberg. We have been considering asking our city council to implement a bag ban in Newberg, so we can join several other cities in Oregon who have done so. However, we would much prefer to see this bill pass for a statewide limitation on single use plastic bags. It makes much more sense both for consumers and especially for large grocery chains to have a consistent statewide policy.

You are in a unique opportunity to make a huge contribution towards improving our environment. The spread of microplastics is rampant, and may be too late, but we must try, right? The earth cannot support the continued use of plastic, and we must stop it at it's source.

If you get a chance, please read this article. [https://www.wired.com/story/wind-microplastics/?fbclid=IwAR265fQ3GniV-xnfgi0sBoS0xmH\\_JOWDppZ42v04zwQ5ac4n2rM6ZbADHww](https://www.wired.com/story/wind-microplastics/?fbclid=IwAR265fQ3GniV-xnfgi0sBoS0xmH_JOWDppZ42v04zwQ5ac4n2rM6ZbADHww)

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony, and hope you will pass this bill.