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Dear Senate Energy and Environment Committee Members,

Hello! My name is Odessa. Last year at the beginning of the pandemic, I created a video about not flushing wipes in both English and Spanish. Many people did not know this information and flushed wipes due to the toilet paper shortage. So, I made this video to get the word out.

Many people watched the video and a few shared feedback. It sounded like several people did not know to keep the wipes out of the pipes. Those comments encouraged me to do this testimony. This messaging and information is important for people to have. If more people knew about this, we could avoid some of the expensive work that has to be done to our waste water system. This uses the entire community's money. I support this bill because I want more people to have easy access to this essential information.

To watch the videos I created please see the link below.

<https://elgl.org/the-children-shall-lead-us-keep-wipes-out-of-pipes/>

With respect,

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