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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB544

This letter is in support of SB 544 because plastic pollution is a major environmental issue that Oregon needs to address. We need to stop the production of plastic. More plastic is produced now than ever before and consumers do not want it to be produced. The fossil fuel industry is producing more than there is a demand for it. The 25% reduction is much less than is needed. I would be in favor of amending this Bill to be 50%, at least, over the next 10 years with incremental improvements of 10% every 2 years. We need to be more aggressive about the reduction of plastic production. This bill is too modest in its goals. Soon there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean. Furthermore, it is a human health issue in that plastic has been found in human blood. Plastic is everywhere and we can not solve this problem until we make radical changes in the production of plastic. I urge our legislature to pass a version of this bill that will decrease the percentage used from 25% to 50%. Oregonians do not want any more plastic in our State. It is bad for the ocean, our rivers, our wildlife, and our health. Thank you for your consideration.