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Dear Senators Sollman, Dembrow and Representative Dexter, and Senator Taylor,

Thank you for sponsoring this bill. As I mentioned in my testimony for SB 543, I personally try to keep the amount of waste I produce to a minimum. During the pandemic, when only take-out was possible, I would ask restaurants if we could bring our own (clean) food containers, but they would refuse. This bill would help those who are environmentally conscious to produce less plastic waste and may inspire others as well.

While I fully support this bill, I hope you will do more to decrease/eliminate all single-use plastic containers. I am extremely concerned by the vast volume of plastic that we are forced to consume every time we go to a grocery store. Since China stopped taking our plastic waste, most of these containers just go in the trash, since they are no longer accepted by curbside recycling. Almost everything we buy is wrapped up and sold in single-use, petrochemical plastic, and more that 90% is not being recycled. I urge you to pass further legislation that will eliminate all petrochemical plastics by 2035 and provide better ways to recycle the current plastic waste that we have.