

Letter of Support for Beyond the Bag Ban Bill (SB 551)

Dear To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to express my strong support for Beyond the Bag Ban Bill (SB 551). This crucial piece of legislation is a significant step forward in our ongoing efforts to protect the environment and reduce plastic waste.

The Beyond the Bag Ban Bill aims to eliminate single-use plastic bags, which are a major contributor to pollution in our oceans, waterways, and communities. These bags not only harm wildlife but also clog our recycling systems, creating immense challenges for waste management. By banning single-use plastic bags, we take a proactive stance in addressing these environmental issues and promoting sustainability.

Additionally, I urge the inclusion of hotel toiletries in the bill. Single-use plastic bottles for shampoos, conditioners, and other toiletries are another significant source of plastic waste. Hotels across the state can transition to refillable dispensers or provide toiletries in eco-friendly packaging, thereby reducing their environmental footprint. This change would align with the goals of SB 551, extending its impact beyond grocery stores and retail outlets to the hospitality industry.

Implementing these measures will not only benefit the environment but also encourage businesses and consumers to adopt more sustainable practices. As we face the urgent challenges of climate change and resource depletion, it is imperative that we take every possible step to minimize plastic waste and promote green initiatives.

I commend the efforts of the legislators involved in drafting and supporting SB 551, and I hope that this comprehensive approach to banning single-use plastics will be embraced by the entire legislative body.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. I look forward to seeing positive changes as a result of this legislation.

Sincerely,

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Tar globs in wrackline



Large Marine Debris on South Beach