

June 10, 2019

Senate President Peter Courtney
President Pro Tempore Laurie Monnes Anderson
Majority Leader Ginny Burdick
Oregon State Senate
900 Court St., NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senate President Courtney, President Pro Tempore Monnes Anderson, and Majority Leader Burdick:

This letter is to let you know that we, a coalition of Indivisible groups across Oregon, support HB 2509B, the bill that would ban one-time-use, plastic shopping bags. We ask that you help shepherd this bill into law before the end of the legislative session.

We strongly support this bill, which would prohibit stores from providing single-use plastic checkout bags to customers.

Plastic bags are dangerous to our birds and marine animals that ingest them. Only a small percentage are recycled and what's not either takes hundreds of years to break down in landfills or ends up in the massive floating islands of plastic in our oceans.

We believe that Oregonians are dedicated to environmental issues and that most are already beginning to carry their own reusable bags when shopping. This will would further encourage that habit.

Please vote YES on this bill and urge your colleagues to pass it into law when it is voted on this week.

Sincerely,

The following members of the Consolidated Indivisible Oregon Network



The Consolidated Indivisible Oregon Network represents thousands of Oregon voters across the state and is dedicated to making our state a safer, healthier and environmentally supportive place to live. Contact us at mary.d.chaffin@gmail.com