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From: Ann Strozyk <Ann_Strozyk@hcpss.org>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 1:20 PM
To: CouncilMail; Yungmann, David
Subject: Re: CB64- sorry about wrong salutation!

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Dear David Yungman,

I am writing today to ask that you support CB64, a fee on plastic bags.

Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes.

CB64 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can move forward and turn the tide on plastic pollution. This bill gives consumers a choice as it is a completely avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between consumers actions and the impact their actions have on the environment. Best of all, fees have been proven to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Let's be a leader in the state with this initiative as we know that plastics are directly connected to climate change and micro plastics have major effects on human health as well as in our ecosystem.

We do not have time to wait.

The County Council board has this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Let's make history.

Thank you for your support on CB64.

Sincerely,

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From: Paul & Mary Jo <mailto:fishers@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 2, 2019 3:17 PM
To: Djung@howardcountymail.gov; CouncilMail
Subject: Please support CB64

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Dear Council Member Jung,

I am writing today to ask that you support CB64, a fee on plastic bags.

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CB64 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can move forward and turn the tide on plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice as it is a completely avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between consumers actions and the impact their actions have on the environment. Best of all, fees have been proven to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Plastic bags in particular have a plethora of negative impacts:

Plastic bags are not biodegradable. They clog waterways, spoil the landscape, and end up in landfills where they may take 1,000 years or more to break up into ever smaller particles that continue to pollute the soil and water.

Plastic bags continue to release Methane, a powerful greenhouse gas, as they break up.

Plastic bags also pose a serious danger to birds and marine mammals that often mistake them for food. Thousands die each year after swallowing or choking on discarded plastic bags.

Trillions of bags are produced yearly worldwide, with only 1% being recycled.

Finally, producing plastic bags requires millions of gallons of petroleum that could be used for transportation or heating.

We do not have time to wait.

The County Council board has this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Let's be that leadership others will follow. Let's make history.

Thank you for your support on CB64.

Sincerely,

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Sayers, Margery

From: Ruth Auerbach <rauerb@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 2, 2019 10:34 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Support CB64 - plastic bag fee

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Dear Council members,

I am writing today to ask that you support CB64, a fee on plastic bags.

CB64 will not only address the crisis of plastic pollution, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can begin to turn the tide on this environmental and health hazard. Additionally, having less one-time use disposable waste in the county should help our serious problem with trash and littering.

This bill gives consumers a choice as it is a completely avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between consumers actions and the impact their actions have on the environment. Best of all, fees have been proven to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

I grew up in Montgomery County, MD, and still have family and friends who live there. Montgomery County has been collecting a bag fee approximately ten years. The first time I encountered it at a grocery store, I admit I was annoyed. However, I quickly became accustomed to it, and I found that bringing reusable bags to the store is easy. I've acquired all my reusable bags for free through business promotions and my workplace.

To demonstrate the disposable bag problem in Howard County, on March 2, 2019, I took photos of the disposable bags on the the Columbia Association public space and townhome association property behind the townhouses 9449 – 9467 Clocktower Lane in Columbia. I found over 30 bags in this relatively small plot. These bags are less than 200 yards from the Little Patuxent River, and are in an area which drains into it. So they are likely to eventually break up and end up in the Chesapeake Bay and beyond.



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- * Plastic bags are not biodegradable. They clog waterways, spoil the landscape, and end up in landfills where they may take 1,000 years or more to break up into ever smaller particles that continue to pollute the soil and water.
- * Plastic bags continue to release Methane, a powerful greenhouse gas, as they break up.
- * Plastic bags in drainage pipes pollutes water directly or indirectly.

* Plastic bags also pose a serious danger to birds and marine mammals that often mistake them for food. Thousands die each year after swallowing or choking on discarded plastic bags.

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The County Council board has this opportunity to show leadership that the state and other districts will follow. Let's make history.

Thank you for your support on CB64 and all you do for Howard County.

Sincerely,

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