

Sayers, Margery

From: Bonnie Sorak <bssorak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 12:03 PM
To: CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: Please Vote to Support CB64

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Dear Councilmember Walsh,

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.

On a faith community stream clean up the teens that were helping noticed just how many plastic bags they had picked up. They were disgusted. This is a new problem in my lifetime. There didn't used to be a choice "paper or plastic" --it was just paper. I've been using reusable bags for years and see no downside to this proposal.

Plastic bags in particular have a plethora of negative impacts:

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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 opportunity. Other counties and cities have already done this. It is time to catch up with them and take leadership role. Let's make history.

Thank you for your support on CB64.

Sincerely,

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From: Ann Coren <anncoren@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 2:47 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Plastic bag fee

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Dear Council member,
Please support CB64, a fee on plastic bags.

The equivalent of a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways every minute, every day. It is an environmental and public health crisis.

CB64 addresses this crisis by reducing plastic.

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 environmental health. Also fees have been proven to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

The negative Impacts of plastic bags include:

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We do not have time to wait. Plastic nanoparticles are showing up in human blood samples.

The County Council board has this opportunity to be the leadership in this public health issue that others will follow. Let's make history.

Thank you for your support on CB64.

Sincerely,

Ann Coren

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Alisa Niefeld-Batiz <aniefeldbatiz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 9:47 PM
To: CouncilMail; Yungmann, David
Subject: In Favor Of The Bag Fee

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Dear Mr Yungman,

I'm not sure why the environment has become a political battle. Weather you are a Democrat or a Republican, we both breath the same air and drink the same water, and we all should be able to enjoy it without a hazard to our health.

There are so many reasons to support the Bag Bill. It's more then generating revenue, it's more then trash. We are way past the time to take serious action on climate change. We need to reduce the need to produce plastic which is made with fossil fuels. By placing a fee on plastic bags, we hope to change behaviors of our throw away society . People can completely avoid the fee by simply bringing their own reusable bags. Most of all we hope that this action will be the beginning to reduce single use plastics.

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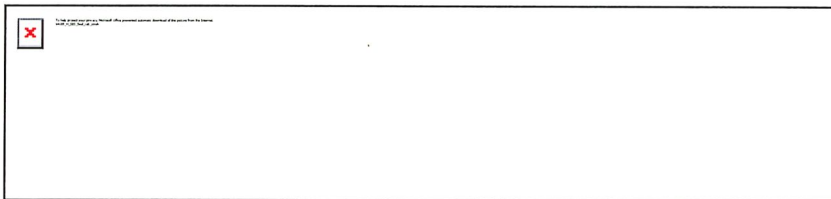
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This plastic binge threatens attempts to meet the Paris climate agreement. It means that by 2050 plastic will be responsible for up to 13% of the total “carbon budget” – equivalent to 615 coal-fired power plants . We no longer can allow the paid lobbyist to put greed over the health of our community and our planet.

Regards,

Alisa Niefeld-Batiz
Century 21 Redwood
410-215-0047

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From: Alisa Niefeld-Batiz <aniefeldbatiz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 9:43 PM
To: CouncilMail; Jung, Deb
Subject: IN Favor Of The Bag Fee

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Dear Ms Jung,

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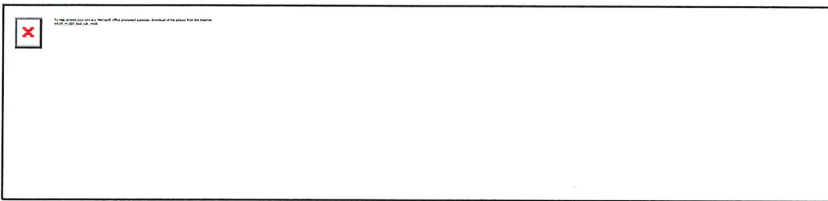
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From: Alisa Niefeld-Batiz <aniefelbatiz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 9:42 PM
To: CouncilMail; Rigby, Christiana
Subject: In Favor Of A Bag Fee

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Dear Ms. Mercer Rigby,

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From: Alisa Niefeld-Batiz <aniefelbatiz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 9:39 PM
To: CouncilMail; Jones, Opel
Subject: In Favor Of Bag Bill

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Dear Dr Jones,

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Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 9:37 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth; CouncilMail
Subject: In Favor Of The Bag Fee

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Dear Ms. Walsh,

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From: paul.baicich <paul.baicich@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 9:28 PM
To: Rigby, Christiana
Cc: CouncilMail
Subject: Please consider CB-64

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Dear Council member Rigby,

I am writing today to ask that you support CB-64, for a county fee on plastic bags. I know the issue will come up soon - 18 November - and I hope you will support it.

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. Unfortunately, trillions of bags are produced yearly worldwide, with only 1% being recycled. Plastic bags also pose a serious danger to birds and marine mammals that often mistake the plastic for food. Thousands die each year after swallowing or choking on discarded plastic bags.

This bill - CB64 - gives consumers a choice, as it is a completely avoidable fee. It also makes the crucial link between consumers actions and the impact their actions can have on the environment. Best of all, fees used elsewhere have been proven to work *to change behavior* and reduce plastic pollution.

The County Council has this great opportunity to live up to the Howard County reputation.

Let's take the next step to make that reputation a reality.

Sincerely,
Paul J. Baicich
7237 Swan Point Way
Columbia, MD 21045

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From: Mary Ann Barry <mabarry4@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 8:49 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I support CB64

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Dear Council Member,

I am writing tonight to ask you to support CB64, a fee on plastic bags. Unfortunately we have become so dependent on throw away convenience, we have plastic products that are creating an environmental and health crisis. As a retired nurse I am very concerned about the public and planet health.

We have to start reducing our plastic use and call attention to the problems it will cause. I have already seen on Next Door, people resining a "new fee" but others are pushing back with suggestions and information. Increased education around the purpose of the bill and they can avoid a fee and help their own and their children's health. Sometimes the micro plastic health issues might be more convincing - that the county is looking out for our health.

Of course it is critical for animal health and life too.

We need to cut greenhouse gases and the program could educate on how this helps.

I urge the County Council to bring Ho Co in to a leadership role for the health of its citizens and environment and support CB64.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Barry
5464 Wild Lilac
Columbia, Md. 21045

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From: Pat Hersey <trishhersey@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 8:32 PM
To: CouncilMail; Yungmann, David
Subject: Please Support CB64

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Pat Hersey
9462 Farewell Rd.
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Subject: Please Support CB64

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Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 8:18 PM
To: CouncilMail; Jones, Opel
Subject: Please Support CB64

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From: Pat Hersey <trishhersey@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 8:16 PM
To: CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: Please support CB64

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From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 10:21 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Plastic bag fees

Thanks for sharing your perspective with me.

Deb Jung
Councilmember, District 4
Howard County Council
3430 Court House Dr., Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-313-2001

Sign-up for my District Update [here](#).

From: Danny Lee <delee928@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2019 9:44 AM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Plastic bag fees

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I support the efforts lead by Christina Mercer Rigby & Opel Jones to impose a 5 cents bag fee. As a parent, the environment is an important issue for my teenager. We must be doing more to protect our planet and reduce pollution by plastics. Personally, I think the 5 cents is not enough and it should be set at 25 cents.

I've written to you about this before and it was ignored. If you vote against this effort you will no longer have my support in your next election.

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Danny Lee, MD
5801 Clipper Ln #307, Clarksville, MD 21029

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From: Regan Mercer <reganmercerc@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2019 1:15 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 64 2019

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Dear Council,

I am in favor of everything about the plastic bag bill but the specification of thickness. In other jurisdictions where only specific thicknesses were specified retailers simply used different bag thicknesses to get around it, this still polluting. I think the thickness part regarding plastic bags should be removed or altered to be an or less with the number set at the military thickness just below that of the typical grocery store reusable plastic bag and the bill should focus on the lack of reusability perhaps establishing that the bag must be designed to be reused least x amount of times. Many of the reusable plastic bags that you buy from grocery stores have an estimated amount of uses on them that this could be based on. My friend works in waste management and plastic bags are the worst so we should have a bill that does its best to eliminate them. This is why I approve of it being a tax- applying a tax has the larger effect on human behavior over simply setting a bag thicknesses limit.

Thank you,

Regan Mercer

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From: Joseph Pavlovsky <jpavlovsky@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 9:47 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB64-2019 Bag Fees

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Another way to burden consumers and businesses and a method of indirectly taxing residents of Howard County. Don't we already pay enough in taxes already. Vote against this proposal.

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From: Kristine Amari <kristine.amari@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 9:23 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony on Council Bill 64-2019

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Hello,

I would like to express support for Council Bill 64-2019, which would establish a fee on disposable plastic bags provided to consumers in Howard County. I agree with providing incentives to reduce the proliferation of disposable plastic. Thanks for addressing this problem.

Kristine Amari
10338 Sixpence Circle
Columbia. MD

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From: Josie Casto <jlcasto@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 9:05 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Ball, Calvin B; courtney.watson@house.state.md.us; katiefry.hester@senate.state.md.us
Subject: Problems with CB-64-2019

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Dear County Council,

My name is Jocelyn Irwin. I live in Dunloggin at 3781 plum meadow dr, 21042.

I saw the profiled legislation for a disposable bag tax, and wanted to raise my concerns.

I went to the state legislature's hearing before they passed the law granting us this privilege and heard many arguments from supporters saying that a plastic bag ban would end up in a morass of lawsuits if we tried to go that route.

The only cases of this happening are in states where the state has laws that pre-empt the locality from doing so.

Our county has a large wealth gap. If we choose to tax disposable bags we are enacting a regressive tax on those who are already struggling to live here.

I also have not seen evidence that the use of plastic bags has decreased in neighboring counties that impose taxes as opposed to bans. The numbers point towards the tax being an income stream only.

I am *not* opposed to increased revenue for the county. I see my tax dollars work hard here! I am opposed to regressive local taxes. People like me and my husband should be carrying these tax burdens, not the single mom just trying to get her kids a good education by living in the county.

I am also not opposed to trying to limit plastic bag use, but I would strongly prefer a plastic bag ban. I think it will accomplish the stated goal more effectively.

With either a bag tax or ban, though, I would like to see the county investigate the feasibility of some sort of reusable "bag library" program that can help provide reusable bags on-demand at some of the larger retailers, hopefully reducing the burden imposed by change in general, and for those who don't already have a stockpile of reusable bags.

The county could solicit bag donations from citizens (many of us have more of these bags than we could use) or even sell advertising opportunities to local companies on bags printed with the ads and the county logo and/or facts about sustainability.

I would love to see bag stations where you can return borrowed bags and be reminded to grab your bags from your trunk outside the local grocery store.

Alternately, the stores charge a per-reusable bag "deposit" at checkout that can be recovered by returning the bags to a participating retailer, though this would also act like a tax to many.

I know there are lots of logistics to a "bag library" being overlooked (cleaning fees, distribution, etc) but I have confidence that the council could work through the details to create a sustainable program.

Thanks for all the hard work you do!

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