

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Cheryl Arney <cherylarney@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 17, 2019 10:43 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Cheryl Arney  
**Subject:** Please Vote for CB64 which puts a fee on most plastic bags

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Council Member Walsh,

I live in your district and 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. This is a rapidly unfolding environmental and health crisis.

CB64 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will raise awareness in the community and speed action on the plastic pollution crisis

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is a completely avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between consumers' actions and the resulting harm to the environment. Best of all, fees have been proven to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution. This is the best first step to reducing plastic bag pollution. Economic motivation is powerful.

You probably are aware of the many ways plastic bags harm our environment. One of the most poignant to me is that wildlife unwittingly ingest plastic as it breaks into smaller pieces and are killed by it. How awful to see an animal die from starvation because its stomach is filled with the plastic we've discarded!

And at a time when we must drastically cut our use of fossil fuels to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, these same substances are used to make plastic, which provides an additional market for that oil and gas. If we want to reduce the extraction of oil and gas from the earth, we must also reduce demand for plastic.

Furthermore, plastic bags release methane as they break up. Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas which causes climate change.

We have no time to wait. The County Council has an opportunity to lead on this issue

I ask for your support of CB64, the bill that puts a fee on plastic bags. Let's make history and pass it.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Arney  
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Ellicott MD 21042

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**From:** Betsy Singer <betsysing@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 17, 2019 10:09 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** League of Women Voters Support CB 64 plastic bag fee

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The League of Women Voters Howard County supports CB64-2019, a bill that would place a five cent fee on plastic bags in retail use.

The League has a long-standing position to support policies and legislation that promote informed decisions about solid waste management including incentives that encourage the reduction, reuse and recycling of materials through legislative mandates, tax incentives and pricing support among other techniques.

Plastic bag production contributes to production of greenhouse gas emissions and thus has an impact on worsening climate change. In addition, only a small percentage of plastic bags are ever recycled so the others contribute to plastic pollution. Unfortunately, the plastic bags remain in the environment forever, breaking up into smaller and smaller particles. These particles pollute our streams, rivers and oceans and wildlife, and sicken and kill fish and other aquatic life.

In 2012, Montgomery County Council implemented a fee of five cents for plastic bag use. As a result, the current reusable bag rate in Montgomery has increased to 38.2%. According to a study done by the Sierra Club and Less Plastic Please, reusable bag use at supermarkets in Howard County is only 16.9%. It is time for Howard County to move to stop the harmful use of plastic bags through a bag fee, demonstrated to cut the use of these polluting bags.

LWVHC also supports the creation of the Disposable Plastics Reduction Fund to establish a program to provide reusable bags to vulnerable individuals in the County and to make grants for water quality and water pollution education, environmental education programs in schools, stream clean-ups and anti-littering campaigns.

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Betsy Singer, LWVHC Environment Chair  
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443-812-2525 cell

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**From:** Ellen Hartranft <hartranft.ellen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 17, 2019 8:48 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David  
**Subject:** Support for CB64-2019, a fee on plastic bags.

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Dear Council Member,

I am writing to ask that you support CB64-2019, 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. CB64-2019 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.

Sincerely,

Ellen Hartranft  
7460 Setting Sun Way  
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**From:** Danyelle Berger <ironmatron@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 17, 2019 6:16 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB64-2019

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Good Evening -

I am writing to express my support of CB64-2019 regarding a 5-cent on plastic bags.

A 5-cent fee will encourage shoppers to use multi-use bags and to re-use paper bags. This fee is very small but will have a large impact.

Thank-you

Danyelle Berger  
Town Center, Columbia

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**From:** Katherine Berland <berlandk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 17, 2019 5:51 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support plastic bag fee

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Dear County Council,

I am writing in support of CB64, which would impose a 5-cent fee on plastic bags at certain retailers. Similar fees have been put in place in other localities, and it has changed consumer behavior, significantly reducing single-use plastic bags. I strongly support this bill, and urge you to vote in favor of it.

Respectfully,  
Katherine Berland  
District 4

Sent from my iPhone -- Free pass on spelling and typos

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**From:** David Wood <drwoodjr@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 17, 2019 5:31 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David  
**Subject:** CB64-2019

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David R. Wood

6417 Autumn Gold Court

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**From:** Janet Romsaas <janetromsaas@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 17, 2019 5:11 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Less Plastic please!

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Hello - As a former Montgomery County resident, I saw how just a 5 cent fee for using a plastic bag helped me remember my reusable bags each time I visited a store. It's an easy way to help citizens reduce their use of plastics. Please enact a fee for using plastic bags in Howard County! Thank you. Janet Romsaas 11236 Barnsley Way, Marriottsville

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**From:** ritiwood@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 17, 2019 4:34 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David  
**Subject:** Support of CB64-2019

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Sincerely,

Rita Wood  
6417 Autumn Gold Ct  
Columbia, MD 21045



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**From:** joel hurewitz <joelhurewitz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 17, 2019 4:39 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB64-2019 Disposable Bag Fees

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Council,

I had previously discussed with some members of the Council my concern regarding Section 2 of CB64-2019. I do not feel that "enforcement of this Act shall begin on July 1, 2020" means the same as stating that the fee shall begin to be collected on July 1, 2020. It implies that the fee is due 61 days after enactment, but just that the Finance Director will not be enforcing this provision. Such an ambiguity could result in some stores charging the fee months prior to July 1, 2020. This could cause to upset many shoppers who will have been charged prior to July 1. The lead time of the bill is as much for the shoppers to remember to bring a reusable bag as it is for the stores to adjust their cash register systems.

I recognize that generally the Charter requires a 2/3 vote to have an effective date later than 61 days. Regardless, there are elements of the bill that should go into effect sooner, in particular, the signage and notice to the stores.

I suggest that Section 2 be stricken and that "Beginning July 1, 2020" be inserted in Line 25, Page 1.

I also suggest that Section 20.1307 Studies & Reports be amended to provide that the Environmental Sustainability Board be tasked with including in their annual report an analysis of the bag fee and the Disposable Plastics Reduction Fund by adding it to the Board's duties in Section 6.600(i).

Thank you for your support for reducing single-use plastics.

Sincerely,

Joel Hurewitz

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Friday, November 15, 2019 4:34 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: CB64, a ban on plastic bags

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**From:** Alyssa Mcguigan <alyssastar04@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 5, 2019 5:08 PM  
**To:** Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** CB64, a ban on plastic bags

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

The plastic bag that has your food and groceries in it, has a lifespan of 30 minutes. You get food, you put the food in your fridge, and then discard the bag.

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.

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 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.

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. Fossil fuels we will need.

This bill has been pushed for 9 times and will continue to be pushed for if we do not take a stand. This bill will allow the public to finally pay attention to the disastrous effects of plastic.

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.

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Friday, November 15, 2019 4:33 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: CB64 bill support

-----Original Message-----

From: Anna Boyd <annaboyd2001@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2019 7:50 PM  
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
Subject: CB64 bill support

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

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Thank you for your support on CB64,  
Anna Boyd

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Friday, November 15, 2019 4:29 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Bill 64-2019

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Gladding <rwgladding@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2019 5:15 PM  
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
Subject: Bill 64-2019

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Councilman Jones,

I want to thank you for sponsoring the bag bill and for your continued support as it moves through the upcoming hearings. As a 27 year resident, retired school teacher and active member of the Howard Conservancy, I am pleased to see we are in the lead on reducing trash and the consumption of single use plastics. It's great to see how a piece of legislation with grass roots beginnings may come to pass, helping current and future generations of Howard County residents. If there is any thing you need other than a voice and the Conservancy's efforts to educate to help get this bill passed, let me know. Thanks again

Bob Gladding  
Ellen Frishberg  
8605 Littlefield Ct. EC 21043

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Friday, November 15, 2019 3:07 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Please support CB64

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**From:** Janine Pollack <jnp404@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2019 7:37 PM  
**To:** Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Cc:** Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** Please support CB64

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Dear Councilman Jones,

I am writing today to ask that you please 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. Fees have been proven to work to reduce plastic pollution and give consumers a choice. CB64 will help address the crisis by reducing plastic, and will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can move forward and turn the tide on plastic pollution. I have personally participated in several stream clean-ups in Howard County and plastic bags are by far the most prolific item we remove. Howard County has proven itself to be a leader in environmental stewardship - please help strengthen this important distinction by supporting CB64.

Sincerely,  
Janine Pollack

6401 Saddle Drive  
Columbia, MD

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**From:** Facchine, Felix  
**Sent:** Friday, November 15, 2019 10:49 AM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Signature from District 3  
**Attachments:** District 3 cont.pdf; District 3.pdf

Hi Margery,

We received this petition in support of CB64-2019. Should it be considered public testimony? Thank you!

**Felix Facchine**

*District Aide, District 3*  
Pronouns: he/him/his

Councilwoman Christiana Rigby  
Howard County Council  
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**From:** [alisasells@c21redwood.com](mailto:alisasells@c21redwood.com) <[alisasells@c21redwood.com](mailto:alisasells@c21redwood.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 15, 2019 9:14 AM  
**To:** Rigby, Christiana <[crigby@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:crigby@howardcountymd.gov)>  
**Subject:** Signature from District 3

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Dear Councilwoman Rigby ,

Attached are signatures for a petition to support CB 64 from your constituents

Regards,

**Alisa Niefeld-Batiz**  
Cell : 410-215-0047  
[alisasells@c21redwood.com](mailto:alisasells@c21redwood.com)



# SUPPORT A FEE ON Petition to PLASTIC BAGS IN HOLO

<b>Petition summary and background</b>	A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS WILL PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE AND CLEANLINESS OF HOWARD COUNTY, ITS CITIZENS AND WILDLIFE.
<b>Action petitioned for</b>	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to SUPPORT A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS BY RETAILERS, IN HOWARD COUNTY.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	EMAIL	DISTRICT
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Chris Drexel		_____		3
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**SUPPORT A FEE ON PLASTIC BAGS IN HOOD**  
 Petition to

#3

**Petition summary and background**  
 A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS WILL PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WEARABLE AND CLEANLINESS OF HOOD COUNTY, ITS CITIZENS AND WILDLIFE.  
**Action requested for**  
 We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to support a fee on the distribution of plastic checkout bags by retailers in Howard County.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	EMAIL	DISTRICT
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# SUPPORT A FEE ON

Petition to

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District #3

# SUPPORT A FEE ON PLASTIC BAGS IN HOLO

Petition to

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Printed Name	Signature	Address	EMAIL	DISTRICT
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Gail Holm	<i>Gail Holm</i>	10081 Fair Beauty Columbia MD 21046	gailholm@gmail.com	3
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# #3 DISTRICT

## SUPPORT A FEE ON PLASTIC BAGS IN HOLD

<b>Petition summary and background</b>	A FEE ON THE DISTRICT BURDEN OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS WILL PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WEFARE AND CLIMATE OF HOWARD COUNTY, ITS CITIZENS AND WILDLIFE.
<b>Action petitioned for</b>	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to support a fee on the distribution of plastic checkout bags by retailers in Howard County.

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Ned Tillner	<i>Ned Tillner</i>	9467 Hickory Link Columbia, MD 21045	ned@sustainable-us	3

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# SUPPORT A FEE ON PLASTIC BAGS IN HOOD

## Petition to

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 We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to support a fee on the distribution of plastic checkout bags by retailers in Howard County.

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DISTRICT #3

# SUPPORT A FEE ON PLASTIC BAGS IN HOLO

Petition to

<b>Petition summary and background</b>	A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS WILL PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE AND CLEANLINESS OF HOWARD COUNTY, ITS CITIZENS AND WILDLIFE.
<b>Action petitioned for</b>	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to SUPPORT A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS BY RETAILERS IN HOWARD COUNTY

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**SUPPORT A FEE ON PLASTIC BAGS IN HOOD**

Petition to

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 Petition to

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Pam Perna <pjperna@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2019 4:03 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support for County Councils Bills CB-62 and CB-64

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

To the members of the Howard County Council:

We are writing to express our support for two bills currently before the Council: CB-62 - Updating the Howard County Forest Conservation Act to Address Howard County Non-Compliance of the Maryland Forestation Act; and CB-64 - Plastic Bag Fee for retail stores.

As one of the wealthiest counties in the nation, Howard County should be leading the way in initiatives to protect our environment, not only for ourselves but for future generations. The passage of these two bills would be good steps in that direction.

Regarding CB-62: We are both life-long Howard County residents who have witnessed many changes here throughout the years, but none has concerned us as much as the loss of forest and open space that has occurred as development has exploded in all areas of the county, including the no-longer-rural west which we call home. Deforestation is a major factor in climate change, whose impact can be lessened by the preservation of the forests we already have and the re-planting of trees wherever possible. We were disturbed to learn that Howard is currently in non-compliance with the Maryland Forestation Act and hope that you will help remedy this situation by passing this bill.

Regarding CB-64: We wholeheartedly support this measure. We were early adopters of reusable shopping bags and have found it to be a relatively easy way to reduce our single use plastic consumption. We continue to adopt new strategies where practical to further reduce our use of plastics, which, as you know, are with us forever. We believe that charging a fee for single use plastic bags will greatly reduce their consumption county-wide, and that can only be a good thing.

Thank you for your consideration - please vote Yes on Bills CB-62 and CB-64.

Sincerely,

Mike & Pam Perna  
15074 Bushy Park Road  
Woodbine MD 21797

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2019 11:16 AM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: CB64

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**From:** Beck Wells <beck.wells@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 4:02 PM  
**To:** Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** CB64

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Dear Council Member Opel Jones,

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.

This fee is an essential first step in combating the detrimental effects that plastic bags have on the environment, especially the Chesapeake bay. As people begin to choose paper and reusable bags over plastic, it will help to reduce the grip that plastic bags currently have on Maryland consumerism.

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Plastic bags in drainage pipes pollutes water directly or indirectly.

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Thank you for your support on CB64.

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Thank you for your support on CB64.

Beck Wells

Howard Highschool Environmental Club





## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** LINDA Wengel <lwengel@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2019 9:25 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB 64-2019

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I have two questions about the disposable bag fee which I don't see considered in the text of the bill:

1. Will the fee be included in purchases made with food stamps?
2. Will people using supermarket delivery services such as Peapod and Instacart be charged for disposable bags, when they do not have the option of providing reusable bags? The stores tend to use an excessive number of bags.

Also, based on research I have seen, fees do not reduce the use of plastic bags appreciably. I wish you would give consideration to a ban.

Thank you for addressing these issues.

Linda Wengel  
Town Center, Columbia

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Marisa McCurdy <marisahiggins@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 10:50 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support for CB 64

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Howard County Council Members,

I write to express my support for CB64, the fee on plastic bags in Howard County. Our society needs to do whatever we can to reduce our reliance on plastic and this fee is an important first step in starting to remove plastic from our environment and spreading awareness of the harmful effects of single-use plastics. The evidence in surrounding jurisdictions is clear that such a fee works on a multitude of levels. In the County where I grew up (Suffolk County in New York), the plastic bag fees were imposed years ago and have had a positive effect on and in the community. Even folks who complained initially about the fee have decreased their reliance on disposable, single-use bags and carry reusable bags with them. Howard County should have passed this law years ago but anything we can do today to fight climate change and the pollution of our environment must be fully embraced.

Sincerely,  
Marisa McCurdy  
6802 Norris Lane  
Elkridge, MD 21075

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Van Wensil <farmvan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 8:39 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB64

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I support paying for a petroleum based product that I may choose to use.

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Burnet Chalmers <BChalmers@MILBYCO.COM>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 8:00 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** U support CB 64

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I support CB 64.

Burnet Chalmers  
6560 Belmont Woods Road  
Elkridge, MD 22975-5201

Sent from my iPhone

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** mary nichols <marynichols18@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 6:03 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB64

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Please support CB64. California did this years ago and with proper notification of the new law to shoppers they adapted well.

We are smart and can do it too !!

“There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.”  
William Shakespeare

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Heather Ordoñez <heather.l.ordonez@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 5:00 PM  
**To:** Walsh, Elizabeth  
**Cc:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support for Council Bill 64

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Hello Ms. Walsh,

I'm writing you to show my support for Council Bill 64. We are woefully and embarrassingly behind the times regarding plastic bag use in stores. I will share some stories:

- In 2001 I began a new position which required regular travel to Germany. At that time, plastic bags were .10 pfenning.
- In 2002, I brought my own plastic bags (from a previous grocery trip) to the Safeway in Ellicott City. The cashier asked if I liked the blue bags instead.
- In 2015, I shopped in Montgomery County for the first time and was pleasantly surprised they had already started the plastic bag fee.
- In 2016, I was shopping at Target in Kona, Hawaii and was told there are no plastic bags in the entire state.

Howard County needs to be a role model and the naysayers are there just to complain. They will complain about anything and everything and their points are insignificant.

**I support Council Bill 64.**

Thank you!

Heather Ordoñez

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**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Parker, Barbara J (bjp8c) <bjp8c@virginia.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 4:14 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** single use plastics

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Please support the bill to charge for single use plastic bags. It is not difficult to reuse cloth bags.  
Barbara Parker



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 3:54 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: CB64

**From:** Sam Seliger <sseliger25@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 2:41 PM  
**To:** Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** CB64

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Thank you for your support on CB64.

Sincerely,  
Sam Seliger  
5371 Five Fingers Way  
Columbia, MD

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 3:54 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
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**From:** Alyssa Mcguigan <alyssastar04@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 2:45 PM  
**To:** Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 3:53 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Urgent email from a high school kid

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**From:** Darrren Dong <darrrendong@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 2:45 PM  
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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 3:52 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: CB64 Bill

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**From:** Manisha V <manishavijay2001@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 2:46 PM  
**To:** Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** CB64 Bill

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** Lily Wilson <lilypad623@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 2:50 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail

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**From:** Manisha V <manishavijay2001@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 2:44 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** CB64 Bill

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**From:** Rishabh Banga <rishabhbanga@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 2:39 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Hey daddy

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**From:** Jenny Chen <xixxjc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 2:39 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Jung, Deb  
**Subject:** Support CB64

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Good afternoon Ms. Jung,

I am writing to you today to support CB64, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastics enter our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic use, but it will also bring increase awareness within the community on the impact of plastic use. This bill gives consumers a choice as it is a completely avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between consumers and their actions. These fees have proven to work in several instances such as in Montgomery county, where a 5 cent fee on single-use plastic has reduced plastic use by 42%. This is not only a fight for a cleaner environment, but a fight for a world that our children can be proud and able to live in.

Thank you

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** kim hurst <kjmhurst@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 11:33 AM  
**To:** Jones, Opel; CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support of CB64

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Good afternoon Councilman,

I am writing to you in support of CB64, allowing a 5 cent fee on single use plastic bags. This is a small measure that can have significant impact on our environment and wildlife.

According to Ocean Crusaders, "Shoppers worldwide are **using** approximately 500 billion **single-use plastic bags** per year. This translates to about a million **bags** every minute across the globe, or 150 **bags** a year for every person on earth. And the number is rising. ... Approximately 1 million sea birds also die from **plastic**."

Howard County is way behind in passing this type of legislation. We can't be passive anymore.

Please support CB64!

Sincerely,

Kimberly Hurst  
5904 Northern Court  
Elkridge, MD

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Boyd, Mollie Marie <mmb9932@uncw.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 10:24 AM  
**To:** Walsh, Elizabeth  
**Cc:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Single use plastics bill CB64

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I hope this email finds you well,

I support the plastic bag fee, and support CB64! I would eventually love to see a ban on single use plastic in the future.

Thank you  
Mollie Boyd

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**From:** Angela Reninger <angelaschuett2001@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 5:19 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Jones, Opel  
**Subject:** Re: CB64  
**Attachments:** duck\_and\_bag.jpeg

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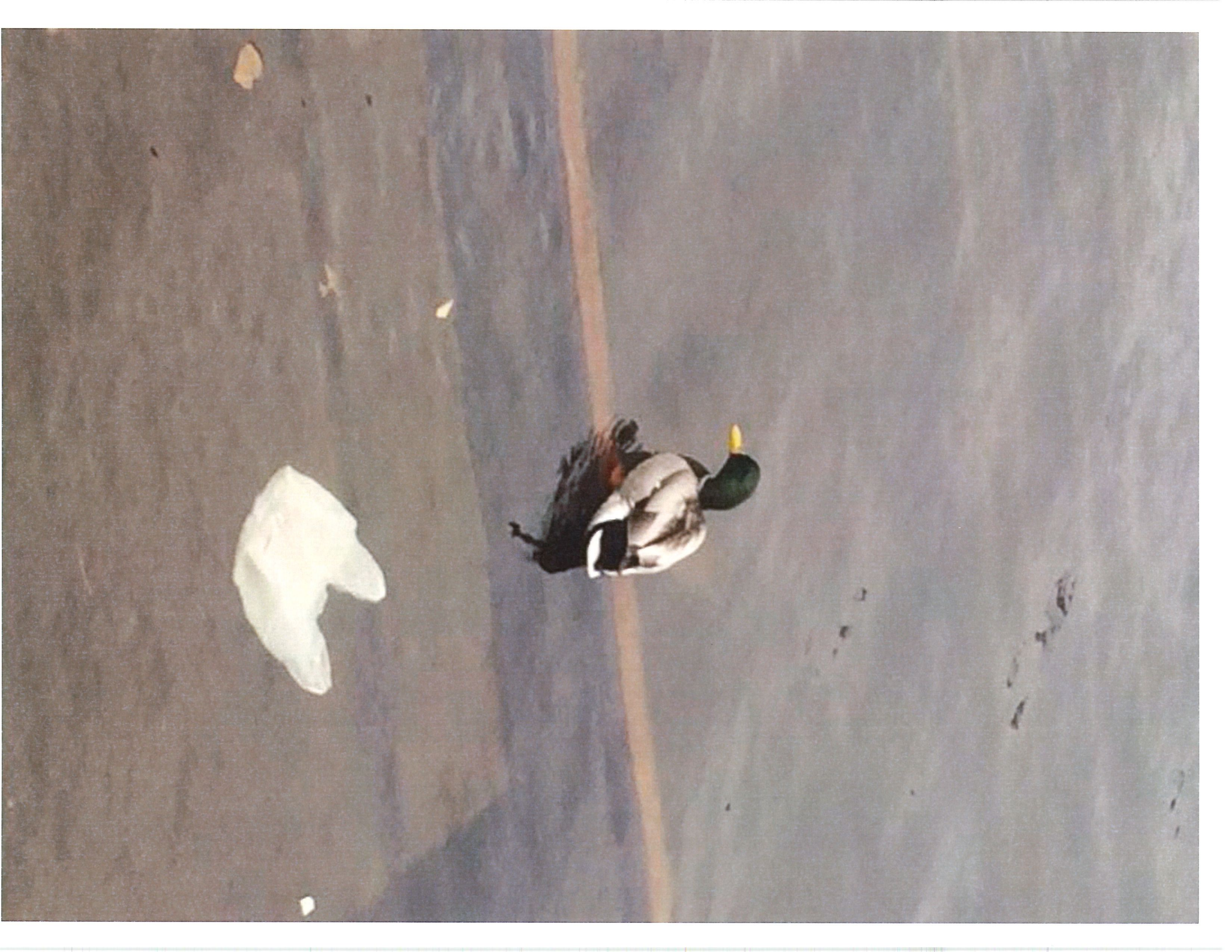
On Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 05:19:05 AM EST, Angela Reninger <angelaschuett2001@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Jones,

I am writing to support CB64. I live in Howard County and work in Baltimore. Every day on my commute I see plastic bags flying along the roadways, tangled in bushes, and floating in the rivers. Yesterday I took the attached picture of a bag floating in the Chesapeake. While plastic bags are cheap to manufacture, the distributors are not bearing the costs of cleanup, which are significant. In economics terms, this is an externality - a cost that accrues to someone who didn't choose to bear that cost. Only government can step in and fix externalities. I think the bag fee in CB64 is an excellent way to start to tackle this problem to both reduce the amount of plastic we are using and better fund cleanup.

Thank you,  
Angela Reninger  
9618 Coronet Ct  
Laurel, MD 20723





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**From:** Megan Johnson <megan.johnson0219@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2019 10:52 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David  
**Subject:** Testimony in favor of CB-64  
**Attachments:** CB64\_TestimonyInFavor\_MeganJohnson.pdf

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Good Morning,

You will find my testimony in favor of CB-64 attached. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony and considering the importance of this bill for our community.

Best Regards,  
Megan Johnson  
9457 Greco Garth  
Columbia, MD 21045

Howard County Council Meeting Testimony  
CB-64 2019  
Megan Johnson  
9457 Greco Garth, Columbia  
11/7/2019

To the Howard County Council:

My name is Megan Johnson. I have been a nearly lifelong resident of Howard County. I grew up in Ellicott City and attended Howard High School. After attending the University of Maryland, College Park, and living in the surrounding areas, my husband and I ultimately decided to purchase a home in Columbia almost three years ago. Overall, we are very happy with our decision to move to Columbia/Howard County. Of course, there is always progress to be made to improve our community, particularly in regards to environmental practices and legislation. **This is why I wanted to reach out in favor of the "Plastic Bag Bill" CB-64.** Below are my personal reasons for supporting this legislation and my refutation of some common talking points against plastic bag fees/bans on behalf of the local groups Less Plastic Please and Our Revolution Howard County.

There are countless reasons that the CB-64 legislation was put forward including the on-going climate crisis, our over-reliance on fossil fuels (including natural gas), health issues surrounding the use of plastic, and the overuse of single-use plastic. As an environmentally-conscious resident, all of these factors have come to a head as I am expecting my first child any day now. Bringing new life into this world has solidified my need to fight for my community so I can be sure that I did everything that I could to leave the planet a better place than I found it. CB-64 is just one step of many that we will need to take as a community to ensure that this is the case.

Collectively, we have allowed the ease and convenience of single-use plastics to lure us into a complacency that is changing our world, rarely for the better. A small fee on single-use plastic bags will provide the encouragement that residents need to make the right decision for themselves, our community, and our planet. Those that cannot be convinced to bring their own bag will then contribute to environmental programs with the bag fee. Even if consumers don't see the price of a plastic bag on their receipt now, we should all know that there is no free bag.

With the rest of my testimony I would like to address a few common talking points that are brought up against the reduction or elimination of plastic bags in favor of reusable bags. Although paper bags may still be an option for residents, I am focusing on the comparison of single-use plastic and reusable bags as the widespread use of reusable bags is the ultimate goal of the legislation.

First, many detractors will cite the lower footprint of a single-use plastic bag vs. a reusable bag. For example, one source states that a reusable bag must be used no less than 132 times before having a "greener" environmental impact than a plastic grocery bag.

Of course, the 132 number is dependent on the material of the bag. In fact, according to a 2018 Danish study<sup>1</sup> the Polypropylene reusable bag most commonly sold in grocery stores needs to be used just 37

times to reach equilibrium with a single-use plastic bag. It almost seems obvious and even obtuse to say that a more durable bag would need to be used more often than something created to last mere minutes- that is the exact intent of a reusable bag.

That said, 132 times might seem like a scary number. However, if you do the math, it's not unreasonable or unachievable. For example, if you bring a reusable bag to the store every week for grocery shopping, in just over 2 years you will have reached an equilibrium. But, the best part about reusable bags, you can keep using them. My husband and I have used the same four bags for the last four years eliminating the use of approximately 2,500 plastic bags (4 reusable bags x 3 plastic bags x 52 weeks x 4 years = 2,496 bags). This also does not consider all of the other shopping trips that can be made greener by bringing reusable bags, and other uses such as a replacement for moving boxes!

Another common talking point considers that most reusable bags are made in China and Vietnam, therefore, it takes more energy to transport a reusable bag than it does to transport a bag made in the United States. Similarly, reusable bags are made from heavier and thicker plastic or cotton which requires more energy to produce.

This idea is based on the assumption, like above, that reusable bags will not be used multiple times, as is their intended purpose. A one-to-one comparison is not realistic or fair when reusable bags are explicitly designed to be used over and over again. Is the footprint of one reusable bag realistically larger than that of the thousands of single-use plastic bags that it can replace?

In this way, when you factor in the large number of single-use plastic bags and their production and transportation costs this point becomes moot. Additionally, if there is an increased demand for U.S. sourced reusable bags then this further becomes a non-issue. A quick Google search netted multiple U.S.-based (and in some cases union-produced) reusable bags which shows that there is a market here in the states. The switch to a reusable bag could be good for the American people by boosting our economy in addition to improving our health and environment.

You can even take it a step further and use a bag made of recycled materials. The local group Less Plastic Please has donated hundreds of reusable bags to the community sewn from donated T-shirts. This shows that when you don't take a myopic and pessimistic view of the situation, there is plenty of opportunity to use creative solutions to address a seemingly overwhelming problem and turn a lose-lose situation into a win-win.

Last, I'd like to address the idea that reusable bags aren't recyclable, and reusable bag giveaways are environmentally costly when unwanted bags end up in the dumpster, often after one use.

Some reusable bags may not be recyclable at this time or in existing local facilities, this is true for many plastic-based materials, cotton being an important exception. However, the implicit assumption here is that single-use plastic bags are better because they can be and are recycled. In fact, "According to Waste Management, only 1 percent of single-use plastic bags are returned for recycling. That means that the average family only recycles 15 bags a year; the rest end up in landfills or as litter."<sup>ii</sup>

We need to stop kidding ourselves that these bags are recycled and further that recycling is superior to reduction of the waste source in the first place. A reusable bag focuses on the first "R - Reduce" rather than the last "R - Recycle" and this is where we need to move as a county.

Furthermore, most single-use plastic bags aren't even good for the second "R - Reuse" because they are so thin and cheaply made. A common reuse of the plastic bag is to pick up animal waste, but as a cat owner I have time and time again had issues with holes in reused plastic bags that defeat the entire purpose. Instead, money saved by not paying the avoidable plastic bag fee can be used on biodegradable non-plastic bag alternatives found in grocery stores today which are better designed to remove pet waste. In this day and age there is almost always a green alternative that consumers can turn to. With CB-64 we will be encouraging this greener behavior, one shopping trip at a time.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. I hope you consider the overall goal of CB-64 and, like me, see it as a step in the right direction of a long path that we have to walk together as a community. We will not fix our plastic problem which has been brewing for over 50 years overnight, with one bill. **We can use CB-64 as a jumping off point to change the behavior of shoppers and a means of educating them on the myriad of actions that can be taken to ensure we have a healthy, clean environment for our future generations. Let's try to get this legislation in the bag!**

Best Regards,  
Megan Johnson

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www2.mst.dk/Udgiv/publications/2018/02/978-87-93614-73-4.pdf>

<sup>ii</sup> [https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/programs/population\\_and\\_sustainability/sustainability/plastic\\_bag\\_facts.htm](https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/programs/population_and_sustainability/sustainability/plastic_bag_facts.htm)

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**From:** Al <alhersey@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2019 8:47 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David  
**Subject:** CB64-2019

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Al Hersey \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 9462 Farewell Rd. Colombia, MD. 21045 \_\_\_\_\_

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**From:** Jill Morton <jill.morton45@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2019 1:57 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support for the 5-cent fee on plastic bags

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I am writing in support of a 5-cent fee on plastic bags. We spend part of our time in California, where it is standard practice to pay for bags, as well as throughout Europe, and it is easy to take shopping bags with you - it becomes a habit. I see so many plastic bags blowing around by the side of the road and stuck in trees, and feel a 5-cent charge would encourage people to hold onto them and reuse them.

Yours,  
Jill Morton  
West Friendship

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**From:** Gene Major <grmajor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2019 10:16 AM  
**To:** Yungmann, David; CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Re: CB64-2019 – Establish a Fee on Disposable Bags

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Sincerely,

Gene R. Major  
[grmajor@gmail.com](mailto:grmajor@gmail.com)  
Columbia, MD 21044



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**From:** Gene Major <grmajor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2019 10:15 AM  
**To:** Jung, Deb; CouncilMail  
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**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2019 10:13 AM  
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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. 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 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. Producing plastic bags requires millions of gallons of petroleum that could be used for transportation or heating.

Thank you for your support on CB64.

Sincerely,

Gene R. Major  
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Columbia, MD 21044

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** cath s <swimaty@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 10, 2019 7:53 PM  
**To:** Yungmann, David  
**Cc:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB64- Less plastic please bag bill

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Dear Council members,

I am writing today to ask you to support CB64, a fee on plastic bags. Fees have been proven to work to reduce plastic pollution. By reducing plastic we will turn the tide on plastic pollution and bring increased awareness to the community. No one really wants to destroy the environment - give people motivation to use all those reusable bags we have.

The plastic industry is fighting this bill. Please don't let Howard County voters down,

Cathy Stogel

2581 Liter Dr.

Ellicott City

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** paul.baicich <paul.baicich@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 10, 2019 3:13 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Testify: CB64, 18 Nov, in favor  
**Attachments:** Testify CB64.pdf

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Please see the form attached...

Best,  
Paul J. Baicich  
410-992-9736 (home/office)  
443-745-5179 (cell)

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**From:** David Sanders <drsanders1@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 7, 2019 7:42 PM  
**To:** Jones, Opel  
**Cc:** CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin  
**Subject:** CB 64

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Dear Councilman Jones,

As a concerned constituent, I urge you to support CB 64, to impose a fee on plastic bags. There has been a similar fee in place in other local jurisdictions which I have encountered. It makes me think twice when asked if I want a bag for my purchase. Frequently, I decline to take a plastic bag because I realize that it's not absolutely needed. It's this type of behavioral change that such a fee is meant to encourage. It is imperative that we reduce our dependence on plastic to avoid drowning our planet in plastic.

With all due respect,  
David Sanders  
5964 Avalon Drive  
Elkridge

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