

State of Vermont  
Vermont State House – Senate Chamber  
Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy  
115 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05633-5301

Re: Testimony in support of S.113 - An act relating to the prohibition of plastic carryout bags, expanded polystyrene food service products, and single-use plastic straws.

Dear Committee Members,

We, the undersigned residents of Vermont, offer our support of bill S.113.

While plastics and expanded polystyrene materials are found throughout products we use daily, there are many instances where these materials are present in single-use applications. For a mere moment we may use a product, and then far beyond our lifetime it becomes an item of refuse in our natural environment.

Convenient and low-cost, we have been habituated to the use of single-use plastics. However, the low-cost price tag does not represent the true cost of these products. Our market system does not account for the cost to our natural environment after the product has served its short period of usefulness. Plastic bags, straws, and expanded polystyrene containers litter our neighborhoods, contaminate our surface waters, and harm wildlife. They may escape our notice and travel beyond our borders. Inadvertently, we may be contributing to the appalling and disquieting scenes coming into public awareness – sea life dying from ingested plastics, seabirds or turtles strangled by plastics, tides of plastic refuse littering beaches, the enormous and horrendous ocean garbage patch.

We are ready to address this issue by changing our habits and switching to environmentally friendly alternatives.

We support bill S.113 along with any additional measures you may take to prohibit plastic carryout bags, expanded polystyrene food service products, and single-use plastic straws.

Respectfully,

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