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Wilton Board of Selectman,

I am writing in support of the enactment of legislation that would ban the use of plastic retail checkout bags in Wilton.

The use of plastic retail checkout bags is not just a local problem but one that is national as well. The over-production and disposal of these bags has and will continue to cause harm to the environment. Once discarded, this non-biodegradable material congests our sewers and pollutes our waterways. And once the plastic material finds its way out to sea, it has a detrimental effect on the Sound's wildlife. We as a community have a responsibility to protect not only our own waterways, but also the environment as a whole, for our children and grandchildren.

Although, regrettably, I will not be able to attend this meeting, I do hope that you will support this legislation. This is a crucial step towards preserving our local environment and our planet as a whole.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Himes".

James A. Himes
Member of Congress