

I write in opposition to SB 222, because it a) ignores the damage done by our increasing amount of single-use plastics, and b) once again pre-empts the rights of communities to make local decisions.

Not only is our use of plastics causing the production of more fossil fuels, at a great cost to the environment, but, according to the UN [\[https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/25496/singleUsePlastic_sustainability.pdf?isAllowed=y&sequence=1\]](https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/25496/singleUsePlastic_sustainability.pdf?isAllowed=y&sequence=1) , 36% of plastics going into packaging, to be disposed of immediately. Plastics are adding to the content of landfills, but, worse yet, they often end up in the ocean, often killing wildlife or entering the food chain. Reducing production of single-use plastics is an early step in starting to protect ourselves, our oceans, and our food.

SB 222 is another strike at the rights of local communities to stand up for their environment. Cities have been called the developers of policy, so that others can see their experimenting and adopt or learn from their policy. Furthermore, that the state seeks to pre-empt the rights of local government to try to address issues for the betterment of their citizens should offend everyone who values our rights. Due to their money, and the acquiescence of legislators, corporations have excessive power to affect legislation, much more than citizens. This should outrage every citizen, including every legislator.

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