

We are living through one of the most stressful and dangerous times in our country's history. We are not only facing a new and relentless pandemic, we are coping with politicians who, realizing that we are distracted by health and economic concerns, take the opportunity to pursue legislative agendas we would energetically oppose in normal times.

Moving past underhanded strategies, it is beyond my comprehension how politicians can hijack powers and decisions that belong to cities and communities. How is this anything other than a power grab? If a city wants to honor and protect its environment, why should a political party be permitted to commandeer the right to make decisions for cities and towns? Is there a righteous motive for this swindle? I cannot think of one, except that this is apparently the time to try and get away with "murder."

Surely no one is unclear about the excessive amounts of plastic with which we have burdened our environment and the damage it is doing. Hijacking local government power is not a solution. We must deal with our environment and protect it and we must also protect the rights of all citizens if we want to retain our own.

Responsible citizens will not wish you well with this legislation.

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