



November 26, 2018

Honorable Ron Young, Chairman
House Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor Committee
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, OH 43215

Transmitted via electronic mail

RE: Oppose HB 625

Dear Chairman Young, Vice Chairman Riedel, Ranking Member Lepore-Hagan and Members of the House Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor Committee:

Since plastics became widely used in the 1950s, every piece of plastic created exists in some way, shape or form. Its durability has become an environmental disaster. Plastics entangle wildlife, are mistaken by wildlife as food which leads to internal damage and blockages, and finally breaks down to microplastics which are ingested by animals and then consumed by humans. If a local government wishes to make a local decision to take steps toward mitigating this environmental and human health issue, then that municipality should be allowed to take that step. House Bill 625 would prohibit taking actions that have proven successful across the nation and the world to help reduce use of disposable food items while assisting the retailers, restaurants and local governments in recycling them responsibly by raising fees to do so. Please do not support this legislation for the good of our future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tamera Brown".

Tamera Brown
General Manager
Greater Cleveland Aquarium