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PLASTIC POLLUTION, PARTICULARLY IN THE FORM OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC CONTAINERS IS ONE OF THE MOST PREVALENT AND DESTRUCTIVE FORMS OF POLLUTIONS CURRENTLY PLAGUING OUR LAND AND STREAMS, ENDING UP IN THE WATERS OF OR ON THE SHORES OF LAKE ERIE. PLASTIC WASTE NOT ONLY AFFECTS THE RECREATIONAL QUALITY OF OUR WATERSHED, IT ENTERS THE FOOD CHAIN BY POLLUTING THE WATER WE DRINK AND THE FISH WE EAT. THE CURRENT BILL WOULD PREVENT CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITIES AND ALL OTHERS ACROSS THE STATE, FROM ENACTING ORDINANCES THAT WOULD COMBAT THIS CORRUPTIVE LITTER AND WASTE. WHAT KIND OF LEGISLATURE PROPOSES LAWS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT LOCAL COMMUNITIES FROM CLEANING UP THEIR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT? THE PROPOSED BILL IS A CLEAR INTERFERENCE IN THE CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED RIGHT OF LOCAL HOME RULE. WE ADAMANTLY OPPOSE THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION.