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Dear Representative Alice Peisch,

We represent your constituents as members of the elected Wellesley Natural Resources Commission. We live in and work for the community of Wellesley, MA.

We are writing you today to request that you support the statewide bag bill, H. 4234 - An Act Reducing Plastic Pollution, by asking Representative Jeffrey Sánchez to move the bill out of Ways and Means.

Without any regulations, Massachusetts residents would discard over 3.6 billion bags per year. These bags cost retailers over \$145.7 million per year, and they cost taxpayers even more. A statewide bag law will benefit both the environmental and the economy, saving local businesses money. One in three cities and towns have passed bag laws. It's time for a statewide standard.

Please call Chairman Sánchez today.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

On behalf of the board,

Brandon Schmitt

Director, Wellesley Natural Resources Commission