



Dear Chairperson Erickson.

This will urge your wisdom and attention to the real horrors of plastics. The first picture is a few blocks away from my Wichita home. The second is about half of the cleaning of 3 blocks of the west bank of the Arkansas River last Saturday. I found only a few beer cans: 95% of the trash I picked out of the river was plastic. That pickup was done by 20-25 adults and teens in one and one half hours, but these volunteers have been doing it every month. There's that much plastic every month just along a few blocks of our precious river!

Please understand that plastic does not biodegrade. In fact, most of the plastic ever made still exists. Please allow the banning of the ever-living plastic in our town, Wichita. I hear that's called "home rule," where municipalities make their own decisions based on their own conditions/concerns.

Thank you so much for voting for the river in Wichita.

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