

To: The honorable Renee Erickson, Chair  
Senate Commerce Committee

January 29, 2023

Re: SB 47

Dear Chair Erickson and Members of the committee:

I write in opposition to SB 47. It is patently wrong to place a barrier to solutions to the crisis of single-use plastics flooding our environment. It is also wrong to do so by the abrogation of home rule by cities and counties.

Single-use plastic packaging is *designed to be discarded*. It then adds to our already troublesome landfill issues. It works its way into our streams and rivers, poisoning our environment, killing wildlife, and eventually becoming microplastics, which then enter the food chain.

SB 47 creates a ban on Kansas communities' efforts to stem this flood of pollution. Which flies in the face of those who espouse the value of local government action. Action that allows local government to respond to their citizens concerns.

This kind of legislative overreach explains why Kansas is losing population. Once again it holds us up as backward, anti-science and provincial.

Kansas once had a proud tradition of pragmatic progressivism. We once reached for innovative solutions to modern challenges. We should reclaim this history. I urge you to reject SB 47.

Sincerely,

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