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Dear Madam Chair Erickson,

I am a concerned Kansas voter who opposes SB 47. I can understand the support of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce from the standpoint of resistance to change. Once we establish our daily habits, we become confused, stubborn and even furious if anyone suggests we do something differently, even if the change would benefit us.

This is what I don't understand: Why don't they want to SAVE MONEY?

The packaging of items at the point of sale is a business expense. If customers could be persuaded to carry their purchases away in their own reusable bags, businesses could eliminate the expense of bags and they would SAVE MONEY.

In certain establishments such as coffeehouses, if customers provided their own reusable containers, the businesses would not have to supply these containers anymore and they would SAVE MONEY.

But even in a broader sense, if customers provided their own takeout containers, the businesses would again SAVE MONEY. The containers would need to meet reasonable standards before being approved, but somebody could MAKE MONEY by selling such containers.

If businesses would invest in a dishwasher so that cutlery, glasses and dishes could be sterilized and reused over and over again, they would SAVE MONEY because they would not have to constantly replace the disposables.

So I would again ask those who support this bill, is your fear of change greater than your desire to SAVE MONEY?

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