



January 31, 2020

Senator Joann Ginal, Chair
Senate Local Government Committee
200 E Colfax RM 346
Denver, CO 80203

VOTE "YES" SB 20-010

Repeal Ban of Prohibition of Local Government Regulations of Plastics

Dear Senator Ginal:

In May of 2012, the City of Aspen decided to conserve resources and to reduce waste and litter by banning the free distribution of single-use plastic bags from our local grocers. Now, nearly eight years later, and as one of the first mountain communities to adopt ambitious climate goals, the City of Aspen's commitment continues to reflect the community's understanding that a stable climate is crucial to the Aspen that we know and love. Climate action delivers direct quality of life benefits.

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Sincerely,

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Council Members: Ward Hauenstein, Skippy Mesirow, Ann Mullins, Rachael Richards



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Senator Jeff Bridges
Senate Local Government Committee
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Senator Don Coram
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