



April 26, 2021

Representative Julie McCluskie, Vice Chair
House Committee of Reference Appropriations
State Capitol Building
200 E. Colfax Avenue #339
Denver, CO 80203

RE: HB21-1162 Management of Plastic Products

Dear Representative McCluskie:

Hello, and we are wishing you the best. We are back at the plate. We remain steadfast in our endeavor to ensure the legislative fix needed in this bill is made. It is imperative to reintroduce the initial intention. Currently, Section 7 of Colorado Revised Statutes § 25-17-104 includes an obscure 30-year-old local government preemption. As HB21-1162 is parked for now, we urge you to put it in drive by reintroducing the removal of this antiquated statutory language.

As a home rule municipality, the onus is on us. Management. Enforcement. Supporting local control allows us to regulate and work with our community within our city limits. We have testified, represented, and worked side by side with our citizens and businesses. We have the local buy-in and are best equipped to write the ordinances for our community. We are elected to make decisions on behalf of our constituents. It is time to allow us to reduce waste and provide our citizens with what they are asking for.

We have a plastic bag reduction plan that commenced in 2012. We want to do more. Removing the local preemption with HB21-1162 will be most effective. Colorado can do this. Thank you for your continued political will and belief in local control.

Sincerely,

Torre, MAYOR, CITY OF ASPEN
Skippy Mesirow, Ann Mullins, Ward Hauenstein, Rachael Richards, CITY COUNCIL