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April 15, 2016

Kevin Hollerbach
Sustainability Coordinator for Residential Life
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Dear Kevin,

This letter is to show the Hitchcock Center for the Environment's support for Article #36 which proposes a ban on single-use plastic bags by retailers and restaurants in Amherst, Massachusetts.

The Hitchcock Center is a local non-profit that has a mission to educate for a healthy planet. Teaching sustainable practices and good habits is part of this goal. Research shows that the single-use plastic bags are not properly being recycled. Climate Action Network research shows just a quarter of 1 percent of all plastic bags are properly recycled by having customers return them to bins at supermarkets. Banning the use of these bags will help enforce the habit of using reusable bags and keep the plastic bags out of the landfill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Julie Johnson
Executive Director

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