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Dear Amherst Town Meeting Member,

I am writing this letter to ask for your support of Article 36 which proposes a ban on single use plastic bags. Plastic bags pose a threat to the environment both in abundance and prevalence. With an estimated use of one trillion bags annually, they are a hazard to wildlife and the natural world. Their negative impact on both terrestrial and marine life has long been documented.

As many other Massachusetts municipalities have enacted such bans, I urge you to do the same which will encourage and ultimately help to increase the use of reusable, recyclable or biodegradable bags.

Respectfully,

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