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**To:** [Lisa Delaney](#)  
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**Cc:** Rep. Harriet Drummond <Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed SB 133 & others

Dear Senator Gardner,

Continuing my conversation on proposed legislation, this is express my support to all the new legislation you are proposing and especially SB 133.

The issue of allowable under age marriages in Alaska came to my attention only a few months ago in reading a NY Times article.

Thank you very much for sponsoring the due update of the pertinent law.

Gloria Manni

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**Subject:** Proposed HB 264 - Tax on disposable plastic bags

Dear Representative Josephson,

Non degradable disposable plastic bags are indeed a problem; however I suggests that the proposed HB 264 is amended to reflect that ONLY BIODEGRADABLE DISPOSABLE BAGS ARE USED/STOCKED BY VENDORS OF ANY TYPE IN ALASKA.

As I see it this is a better cure to the problem than a penalty tax in that:

The biodegradable plastic bags may cost a few cents more and the cost will be carried by the buyer (not a tax penalty, but the cost of using a better quality product) ;

The biodegradable bags will no longer be a menace in solid waste landfills.

Biodegradable bags are widely used and available. A small note/example: MOA/Park & Rec has been using for quite some time biodegradable bags in their dog waste stations.

I appreciate your consideration to my proposed change.

Respectfully,

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**Cc:** [Patti Fisher](#); [Mollie Boyer](#); [Liz Jackson](#)  
**Subject:** Info on plastic bags and legislation  
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**Attachments:** [article Dec. PP.docx](#)  
[article Jan FM Spectrum .docx](#)

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Hi Lisa,

The Zero Waste Coalition Plastic Bag Committee is an informal group of volunteers who became mobilized after we found out that local caribou and reindeer were dying from ingesting them. Our approach was to raise awareness of the hazards which include: Local ruminant animals such as caribou, moose and reindeer are attracted to plastic bags, eat them and die when the bags block their rumen. Dr. Collins was our first contact. 746-6326. The winds in the Valley create a unique problem. There is no way to safely dispose of these bags out here, as they will blow out of the landfill, dumpsters, and when being loaded onto garbage trucks when it's windy.

These bags create an unsightly litter situation which hurts tourism, an important industry. Plastic litter eventually ends up in the ocean. Plastic never biodegrades, but breaks up into small particles called micro plastics. Plankton eat these particles. Salmon eat plankton, so it comes back to up on our dinner plates.

Here are some preliminary links I put together to support the above. We have been working on this issue for a long time so please feel free to contact me by email or phone if I can be of any help.

Andy wanted to see the video of Dr. Collins at the Matanuska Experiment Farm. Scroll down our Facebook page to videos and click on the two videos: <https://www.facebook.com/BagItMatSu/>. On that page you should also find all the local newspaper articles, TV coverage, etc.

Plastics in the ocean:

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/marine/good-environmental-status/descriptor-10/pdf/GESAMP\\_microplastics\\_full\\_study.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/marine/good-environmental-status/descriptor-10/pdf/GESAMP_microplastics_full_study.pdf)

This relates to our salmon:

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/278041328\\_Ingestion\\_of\\_Microplastics\\_by\\_Zooplankton\\_in\\_the\\_Northeast\\_Pacific\\_Ocean](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/278041328_Ingestion_of_Microplastics_by_Zooplankton_in_the_Northeast_Pacific_Ocean)

Bag Legislation:

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/environment-and-natural-resources/plastic-bag-legislation.aspx>

[https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/why-carryout-bag-fees-are-better-than-plastic-bag-bans\\_us\\_588187ace4b08f5134b61f79](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/why-carryout-bag-fees-are-better-than-plastic-bag-bans_us_588187ace4b08f5134b61f79)

<https://www.cawrecycles.org/list-of-national-bans>

Chicago went from ban to ban with

fee: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/editorials/ct-chicago-plastic-bag-7-cent-fee>

[tax-edit-0206-20170203-story.html](http://tax-edit-0206-20170203-story.html)

Hawaii went from banning single use plastic to banning all plastic with a fee for paper <http://khon2.com/2017/07/23/honolulu-mayor-to-sign-expanded-plastic-bag-ban-bill-for-oahu/>

A couple of local Mat-Su newspaper articles

Wasilla's Bag Ordinance:

<https://cityofwasilla.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/search?keywords=ordinance 17-24&location=108&preview=13644>

Good luck!

Carol Montgomery

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**Cc:** [Lisa Delaney](#); [Thomas Atkinson](#); [Megan Holland](#)  
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**Cc:** [Rep. Harriet Drummond](#); [Lisa Delaney](#); [Thomas Atkinson](#); [Megan Holland](#)  
**Subject:** RE: House Bill 264 / single use plastic bags  
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**Cc:** Rep. Harriet Drummond <Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** House Bill 264 / single use plastic bags

Hello Rep. Josephson,

Just saw the news about this bill and wanted to say thank you for your action on this issue to lend my support. A group of us recently started a zero waste group on Facebook (Alaska Zero Waste if you want to search it) and it is taking off rapidly. With the ban in Wasilla it seems like there is momentum right now among a very diverse group of people across the political spectrum. Great timing for your bill! I really think addressing plastic consumption/waste is an issue that can bring people together and maybe provide some lessons on how we can get beyond the divisiveness that other environmental issues seemed to be mired in.

About a year ago I was working on building a network of individuals and groups in Anchorage interested in trying to address our seeming addiction to single use plastic (particularly the bags). I met with folks at the muni and with my Assembly member, friend, and neighbor Erik Croft, and also talked to people in other communities around the state who have tried to address this issue in different ways. I stopped working on it mostly because I didn't have the bandwidth personally because I went back to work full time last spring. With the FB group I feel like we are getting more organized. Many of the individuals in the group were involved in the Wasilla ban that just passed. I have some ideas for grassroots efforts that could complement the proposed legislation if your staff would like to reach out to me, or to get connected to the zero waste community we've started online.

I was also curious why you decided to go with the tax instead of the ban. I know there are pros and cons to each approach.

Thanks,  
Courtney

P.S. Ccing Harriet since she is my neighbor and knows my passion about stuff like this and can vouch that I'm a real live person. :-)

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