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STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 24



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 25, 2019

RE: No Vote Explanation for HB 2509

To the Office of the Chief Clerk:

I fully support the provision in House Bill 2509 that prohibits a retail establishment from providing single-use checkout bags to customers. However, I disagree with the provision that prohibits a retail establishment from providing a recycled paper checkout bag, reusable fabric checkout bag or reusable plastic checkout bag to a customer unless the retail establishment charges not less than five cents for each bag.

We need to take action to remove single use plastics from our environment, but we do not need to require retailers to implement a specific business model to make it work. Retailers should be able to choose to charge for bags or choose to provide bags at no charge – their choice.

My hope is that the Senate will amend this bill accordingly.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Noble", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ron Noble
State Representative
House District 24