

**Subject:** Proposed Plastic Bag Ban

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**To:** HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)

First of all, I totally agree with the proposal, I just disagree with the timing.

Please consider postponing the plastic bag ban until later, maybe next summer or so due to the Coronavirus. I am 71 and have not been going into stores and have been taking advantage of the curbside pickup at my local grocery store. I am very grateful for this service so I do not have to go into the store and possibly be exposed to the virus. Different store employees each week shop from my e-mail list, bag it, and bring it out to my car's trunk. I am not in contact with them and can put the bags in recycling carts outside the store afterwards. If the Ban goes into effect on Jan. 1st I will need to provide reusable bags that multiple people will eventually handle, which is what I'd like to avoid. I guess the alternative is paper bags which the store will have to pass the increased cost to the customers.

I totally agree that those bags need to be banned to help our environment, I just wish we could put that practice start date to later as I feel they help limit the spread of the Coronavirus.

Thanks for considering this timing issue.

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