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Pass a Local Resolution to Support the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act to Save Tax Dollars, Provide New Revenue to Local Governments and Reduce Litter and Plastic Pollution in New York State

Beyond Plastics request your support in urging the New York State Assembly and Senate to pass the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (Senate Bill 1464 / Assembly Bill 1749) and to expand the state's Bottle Bill (Senate Bill S5684 / Assembly Bill A6543). These critical bills will address the growing problem of single-use plastics, which contributes to pollution that harms human health, exacerbates climate change, and leads to ocean-polluting, landfill-clogging waste. By reducing plastic waste at its source, these bills will help protect environmental justice communities, where the impacts of plastic pollution are often felt most acutely. Additionally, the bills will save taxpayers money and provide essential support for reuse and recycling programs.

The role of local municipalities and counties has never been more important. With plastics and chemical industry lobbyists working tirelessly to undermine this bill, local officials have a unique opportunity to make a real difference. By passing a resolution or writing letters in support of these bills, you can help build support needed to get this bill through both houses of the NYS Legislature. It passed in the State Senate last June and has passed some key committees already this legislative session. To assist you, we've [provided a sample resolution language](#) and [fact sheet](#). Please send us your resolution once it is adopted.

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact us: Rebecca Martin: rebeccamartin1@bennington.edu or Alexis Goldsmith: alexisgoldsmith@bennington.edu.

We sincerely appreciate your efforts to protect local municipalities and counties throughout New York state from the many harms caused by plastic pollution. This is a great bill that will save tax dollars, protect our health and the environment.

Sincerely,

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