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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB21 – Prohibition on the Chemical Conversion of Plastic

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Bill Sponsor: Delegate Love

Committee: Environment and Transportation

Submitting: Carla Tevelow

Position: Favorable

My name is Carla Tevelow and am writing in support of the HB 0021 - Prohibition on the Chemical Conversion of Plastic.

According to a detailed report, written in December 2020, "Chem Recycling" by Chem Trust (a collaboration of Chem Trust - a UK registered charity and Chem Trust Europe eV- a charity based in Germany) created by Eunomia (a well-known respected and professional consultancy group), there are myriad of major problems with the industry. These include: a need for pre-sorted good quality plastic; concerns over hazardous chemicals; and substantial energy use.

The plastic industry has misstated and steered the United States into thinking plastic can be recycled and is not a danger to our environment and health. We are finding, not only is it false but plastic has been found on every continent, in every ocean and inside the bodies of almost every living being on this planet.

We are finding plastic is an endocrine disrupter causing humans physical health problems.

Prohibition on the Chemical Conversion of Plastic will be a beginning step to try to correct the trajectory of the way we view plastics and its industries. We need to lessen our plastic dependency and not find alternative ways for its destructive health in our environment.

Please pass HB 0021.

Thank you,
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