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City, State, ZIP:

Dear :

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that enforcement of Oregon's new Bag Ban law (HB 2509) began January 1, 2020. This ban prohibits the use of single-use plastic checkout bags and requires a fee on paper and other reusable bags provided by businesses to customers.

The purpose of this bill is to address two issues. First, when plastic bags end up in recycling bins, they can contaminate the recycling stream and endanger the safety of workers who must untangle them from recycling equipment. Littered bags clog storm drains and recycling facilities, creating costly shutdowns and clean-ups, driving up the costs of waste management for consumers. Second, single-use checkout bags cause enormous environmental and ecological impacts to our state. In addition to becoming unsightly litter, single-use checkout bags do not decompose, kill marine life indefinitely and introduce microplastic pollution into our food and water supplies.

To help address any questions you may have concerning the ban we've enclosed an FAQ, as well as a Breakroom/ Staff Notice to aid you in reminding your employees of Oregon's Bag Ban. We hope you have a productive, rewarding new year and wish to thank you for your participation in making Oregon communities better places to live and do business.

Sincerely,