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## **RE: Plastic Bag Ban Bylaw**

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To: Public Works & Infrastructure Committee Members,

The bag ban is a precedent setting decision which will impact City Council during future discussions of banning consumer products. If this ban moves forward, City Council will consider future bans with no staff research or public consultations. This is not the type of City Council that Torontonians want. We have heard from many Torontonians who are angered by Council's decision to move forward with no research or consultations and who have an expectation of Council to make thoughtful decisions.

There is too much at stake with this ban:

- The impact on future decision making at Council
- A negative impact on the environment with higher consumption of heavier plastic bags and more trees cut down for paper bag production
- Increase of waste in the waste system leading to increased waste management costs
- Reduction in impulse buying
- 5,000 local manufacturing jobs lost
- Loss of recycling and remanufacturing technology
- Increase of cost of living for all Torontonians

The disadvantages of the bag ban grossly outweigh the perceived benefits of the bag ban. We, at the Toronto Taxpayers Coalition implore you to reverse the decision to ban plastic shopping bags.

Sincerely,

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