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Dear Weston Selectmen Spaulding, Nestor, and Grozinger,

I am writing on behalf of the Norwalk River Watershed Association (NRWA) and our over 1400 active participants to thank you for passing a comprehensive ban on plastic bags and a fee on paper bags. It is the position of NRWA that including the fee on paper along with the ban on plastic is the most effective way to encourage a shift to reusable bags. We support your ordinance as written and ask you to protect the fee on paper.

The fee on paper has been shown to be effective in California, and we are proud that two towns in our watershed, Weston and Norwalk, are paving the way for the state by adopting bans that include a fee on paper. The goal is to protect our environment, including our waterways, by encouraging a shift to reusable bags, not merely a shift to paper. It is our understanding that the fee will also help local stores transition to compliance with the new requirements. Retailers such as Big Y have already adopted this combination of ban and fee, and we see it as the way forward for the state.

Thank you for protecting the ban on plastic and fee on paper bags in Weston.

Sincerely,

Louise Washer, President  
Norwalk River Watershed Association