



February 17, 2022

To: Senate Committee on Commerce

Re: Senate Bill 493

The Kansas Organization of Recyclers (KOR), the only statewide recycling and waste reduction association in Kansas, is opposed to Senate Bill 493.

Our concerns regarding SB 493 relate to limiting our local governments from creating their own solutions for reduction and recycling of plastics and other containers designed for the consumption, transportation or protection of merchandise, food or beverages. Communities have a number of reasons to ban or regulate plastics, such as the desire to mitigate litter's effects on ecosystems or wildlife, improve public health or reduce toxins.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention and consideration of this issue.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brandy Johnson
Executive Director, Kansas Organization of Recyclers

KOR is a non-profit (501c3), membership based network of representatives from government, industry, non-profit and public entities and individuals that support environmental stewardship through waste reduction, composting, reuse, recycling, and sustainable efforts in Kansas. KOR provides advocacy, information, technical support, networking and educational opportunities in partnership with local, state, regional and national organizations. KOR is also a member of the US Composting Council and Keep America Beautiful.