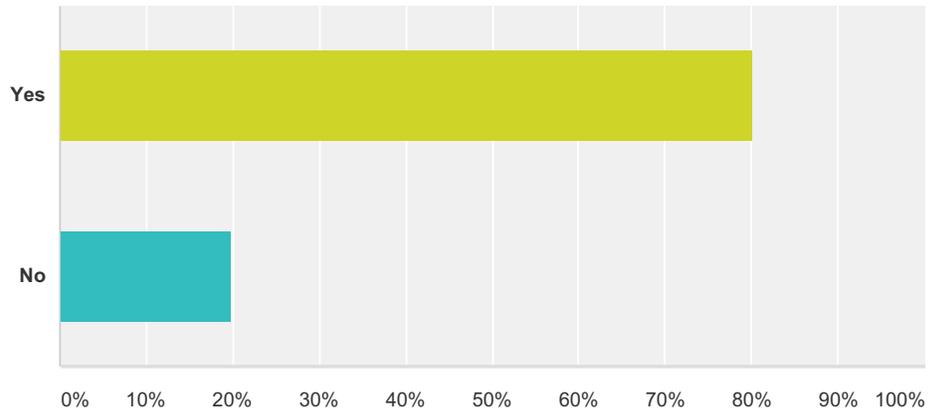


Q1 Have your read the Wellfleet Recycling Committee's proposed Plastic Shopping Bag Reduction bylaw Article 31? 2015 Town Meeting Warrant

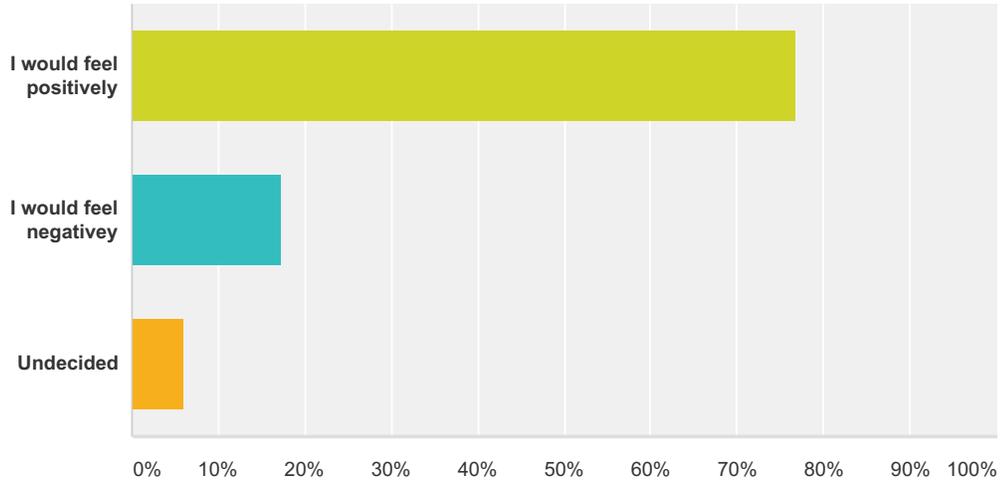
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	80.17%	93
No	19.83%	23
Total		116

Q2 How would you feel if Wellfleet gradually phased out the dispensing of single-use plastic shopping bags for markets, restaurants and retail businesses?

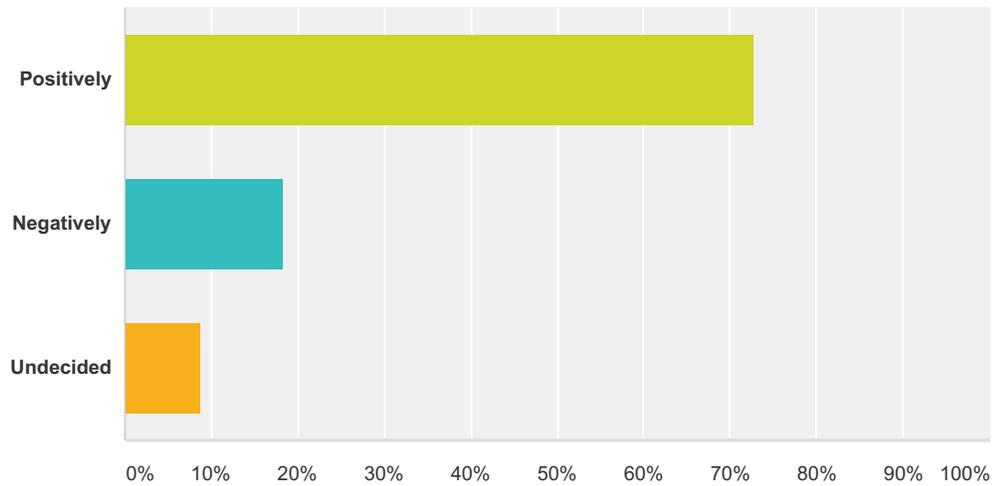
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Answer Choices	Responses
I would feel positively	76.72% 89
I would feel negativey	17.24% 20
Undecided	6.03% 7
Total	116

Q3 Provincetown's Plastic Bag ban went into effect April 15, 2015. How do you view this?

Answered: 114 Skipped: 2

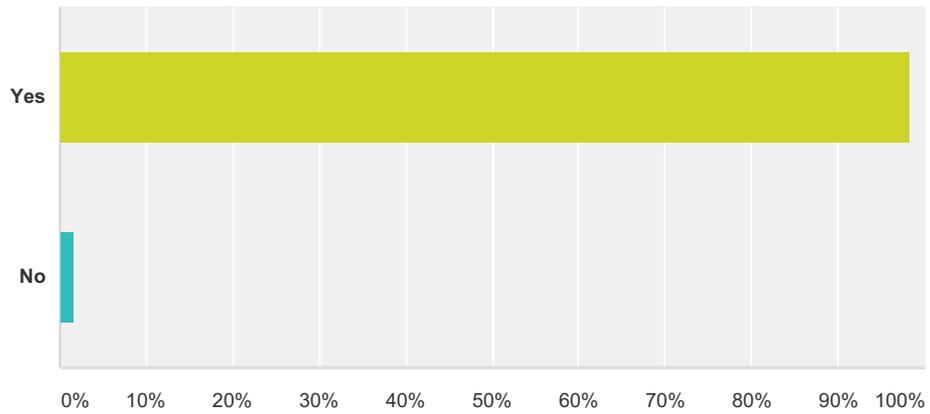


Answer Choices	Responses
Positively	72.81% 83
Negatively	18.42% 21
Undecided	8.77% 10
Total	114

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Uninforceable to many regs	4/24/2015 5:05 PM
2	We're too close to the water and the fish on the CApe	4/23/2015 7:37 PM
3	Not good alternatives offered	4/23/2015 10:21 AM
4	Congratulations on setting high standards for lower cape!!	4/23/2015 8:54 AM
5	not been affected	4/23/2015 8:38 AM
6	needed everywhere	4/22/2015 9:35 PM
7	fantastic!	4/22/2015 3:00 PM

Q4 Do you have reusable bags at home?

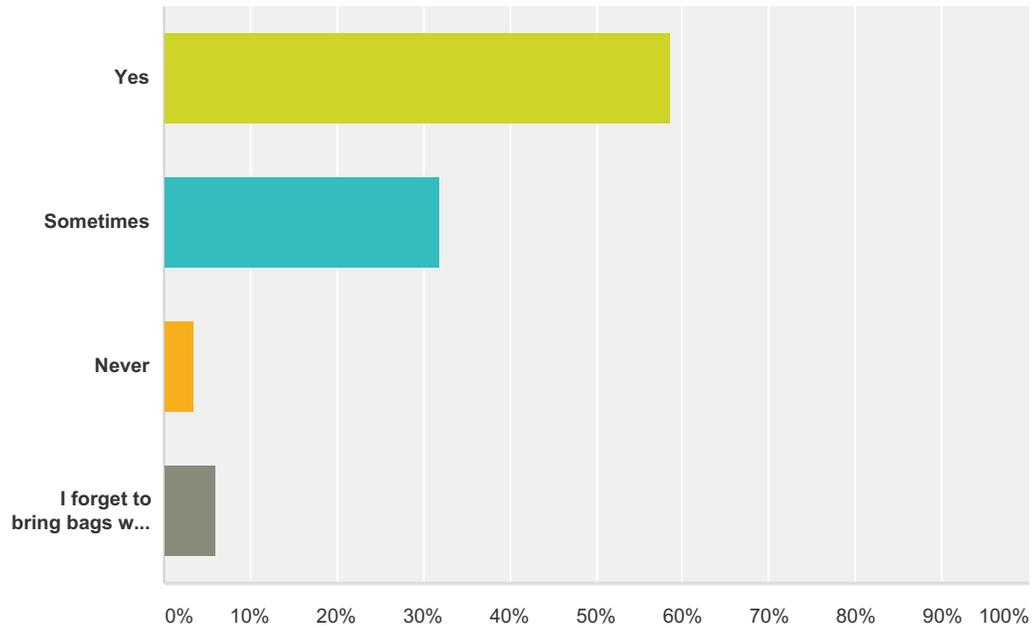
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	98.28% 114
No	1.72% 2
Total	116

Q5 Do you bring bags with you when you shop?

Answered: 116 Skipped: 0

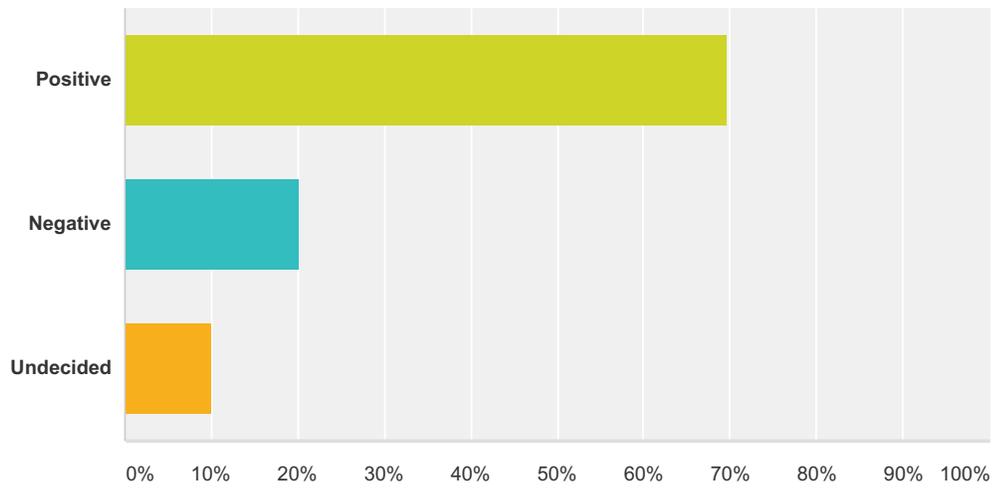


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	58.62% 68
Sometimes	31.90% 37
Never	3.45% 4
I forget to bring bags with me	6.03% 7
Total	116

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	sometimes	4/23/2015 7:37 PM
2	I use them for my reclcying	4/23/2015 5:17 PM
3	I reuse the single use bags at home and in my car for trash.	4/23/2015 5:05 PM
4	most of the time	4/23/2015 11:07 AM
5	I use them to dispose of used kitty litter, i don't have another solution to that problem.	4/23/2015 10:02 AM

Q6 How do you feel about a town-by-town bag ban on Cape Cod?

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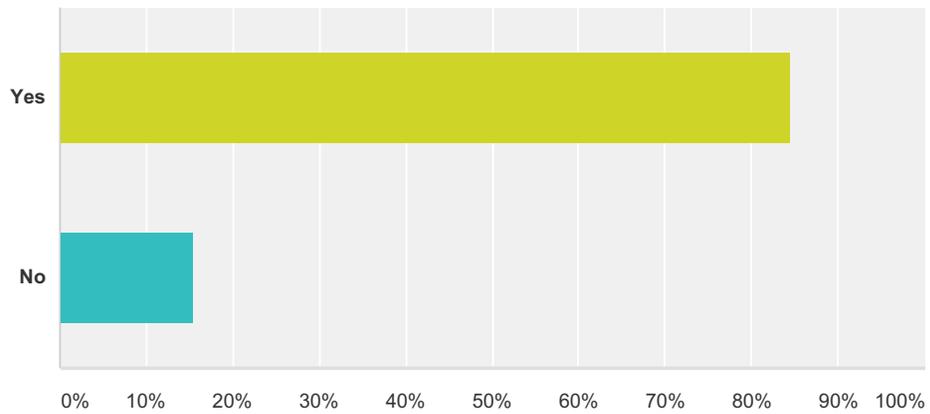


Answer Choices	Responses
Positive	69.72% 76
Negative	20.18% 22
Undecided	10.09% 11
Total	109

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	State wide ban	4/24/2015 5:05 PM
2	should be state wide	4/24/2015 12:15 PM
3	Prefer all towns to ban single use bags.	4/23/2015 12:30 PM
4	A county-wide ban would be more effective, especially in town like Wellfleet without major supermarkets.	4/23/2015 11:15 AM
5	It moves in the right direction, but a region-wide ban would be more effective.	4/23/2015 10:21 AM
6	I would prefer to have a single state law on this issue.	4/23/2015 8:50 AM
7	All should do it!	4/23/2015 8:03 AM
8	Or a whole-Cape-ban would be even better!	4/23/2015 8:01 AM
9	I would prefer statewide application	4/22/2015 9:35 PM

**Q7 Have you heard about the 'plastic garbage patches' in the world's oceans?
www.5gyres.org**

Answered: 116 Skipped: 0

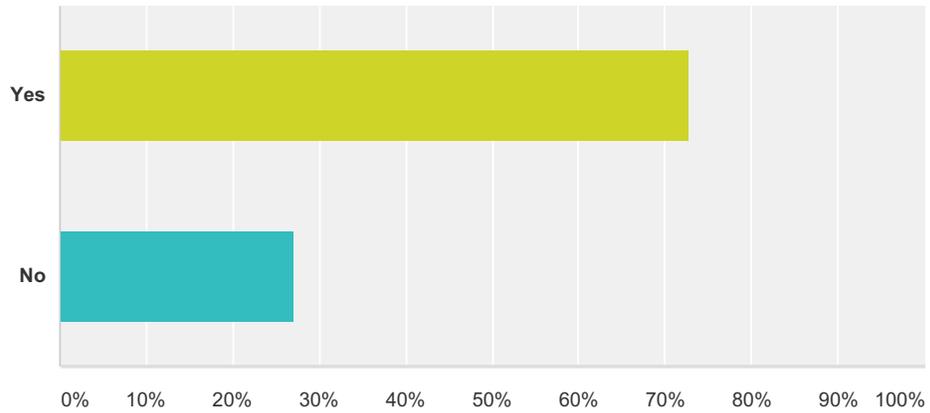


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	84.48% 98
No	15.52% 18
Total	116

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I have now.	4/25/2015 8:18 AM
2	seen movies about them as well	4/23/2015 7:37 PM
3	This country is not one of the major contributors to that problem.	4/23/2015 5:05 PM

Q8 Did you know that even alternative 'compostable' or 'biodegradable' plastic bags require very specific and controlled environments in order to biodegrade?

Answered: 114 Skipped: 2

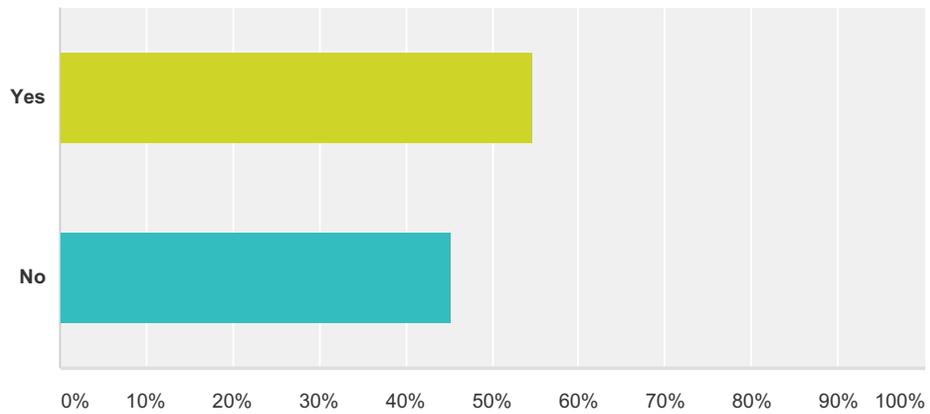


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	72.81% 83
No	27.19% 31
Total	114

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Not really; it just takes longer	4/23/2015 9:21 AM
2	Have told this to Marketplace. Tried to compost their bag and failed.	4/22/2015 5:28 PM

Q9 Are you aware that businesses can benefit from green certification through the Cape and Islands Green Program?

Answered: 115 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	54.78%	63
No	45.22%	52
Total		115

Q10 Your point of view is important. Please share your comments. If you would like to learn more, please contact the Recycling Committee at 508-349-6619. Thank you.

Answered: 47 Skipped: 69

#	Responses	Date
1	Thank you for your efforts	4/25/2015 5:30 PM
2	Plastic bags find their way into many places they don't belong: trees, ponds, the ocean, the road side, the beach. They are unsightly, dangerous to sea creatures, and can be easily replaced with reusable bags. Bringing along a reusable bag will become a good habit and will help protect the environment.	4/24/2015 9:31 PM
3	Please just leave things alone. I reuse those bags all the time, they don't go to waste	4/24/2015 8:52 PM
4	This should be done at the state level. What about the dog poop bags?	4/24/2015 5:05 PM
5	Please do all that you can to help our planet. We will do as we are told. Thank you.	4/24/2015 10:24 AM
6	I hope we join P-town in banning them! they're selling a bag at S&S for a dime, that is also reusable.	4/23/2015 7:37 PM
7	So excited about this!! Glad to see Wellfleet and other towns on Cape Cod taking a leading role on this issue.	4/23/2015 6:53 PM
8	Buying food is expensive enough without having to buy the cheap so-called reusable plastic bags that split open, sold by some food stores. The cloth bags are carriers of bacteria. Yuk! I reuse the single-use bags at home and in my car.	4/23/2015 5:05 PM
9	just another case of "bgi sisterism". We have too much of this already	4/23/2015 4:00 PM
10	Keep up the good work...you're doing good things for us all. Thanks!	4/23/2015 2:19 PM
11	Be proactive instead of punitive. Increase opportunities for proper disposal and recycling rather than trying to "ban" your way, piecemeal, to a solution to the perceived issue. Answer problems with more freedom, not less. No one wants "plastic bag cops" or a moral lecture.	4/23/2015 1:34 PM
12	Totally support initiative, thanks for your efforts to present this. Am business owner and I believe this is good for business and represents shared values of community	4/23/2015 1:06 PM
13	The distinction between single use and heavier plastic bags (which I believe will be allowed) needs to be explained *much* more clearly before I could support this. Concerned about costs for small businesses in town.	4/23/2015 1:02 PM
14	What should we put dirty diapers in when at the beach? Another reason Wellfleet hates young people.	4/23/2015 12:58 PM
15	Good luck with the bag ban! [This is Lydia Vivante taking the survey] vivantlydia@gmail.com	4/23/2015 11:38 AM
16	Make the bags go AWAY	4/23/2015 11:34 AM
17	I reuse most of my plastic bags for picking up trash wherever I walk. A plastic bag ban will have a negative impact on my activity, but I am willing to adapt.	4/23/2015 11:15 AM
18	California passed a statewide ban last year. It works well	4/23/2015 11:12 AM
19	The devastating floating plastic garbage patches in the ocean are not from plastic bags. and not from biodegradable plastics. Styrofoam should be banned. Many businesses use bags that are labeled biodegradable and the bags have lots of post-shopping uses, e.g., poop scooping, lining kitchen trash bin; putting wet clothing in at the beach; wrapping items like shoes in suitcase; lining kitty litter box; wearing on shoes when stuck in the rain (yes I have done this :-); I have also had to free a seagull, about a decade ago, that had a wing stuck in one, so I know there are issues. But I would not support a town ban on any product other than styrofoam and any chemicals that threaten our water supply.	4/23/2015 10:48 AM
20	Anything we can do to help the environment is worth the inconvenience.	4/23/2015 10:39 AM

21	I feel the many many uses for those bags eliminates needing other new plastic things - that has to count for something. Enforcing littering, and offering better alternatives is needed as well. Wasting water, energy and using chemicals to wash the cloth bags should be accounted for, and the quality of paper bags has decreased so that they rip too easily, also making THEM single use bags - same with the so called "reusable plastic bags" offered now for 10 cents each	4/23/2015 10:21 AM
22	How about focusing on swap shop. People are throwing away thousands of pounds of useful items. I think you people spend a lot of time creating situations that are controversial and don't deal with current problems that the entire town has voiced a need for you all to attend to.	4/23/2015 10:05 AM
23	Considering the tourist this should be phased in.	4/23/2015 10:03 AM
24	If the committee could suggest an alternate means of disposing of used kitty litter, I would gladly give up those bags.	4/23/2015 10:02 AM
25	Thank you for surveying! Great!	4/23/2015 9:37 AM
26	I think responsibly educating the public to change of their own free will is much more palatable than forcing rules on people a la our purple bags. I would feel a lot better about a voluntary change over and would feel better personally knowing I did the responsible thing on my own! The plastic bags I bring home get reused for many purposes and then get put in the bag bin at the dump or thrown away as trash in the purple bag. They are not being blown around or ending up in the ocean.	4/23/2015 9:35 AM
27	More laws instead of letting customer demand drive the initiative. If customers do NOT want plastic they will speak up.	4/23/2015 9:21 AM
28	It's time to do it. What are we waiting for?	4/23/2015 9:16 AM
29	Imposing laws to try and force people to do the right thing is wrong. The right way to get retailers to stop using plastic bags would be to inform them of the harm in using them and provide them a plausible alternative. I own a retail storefront on Main Street in Wellfleet and find it very disturbing that I have not been approached about this topic. I also find it wrong that this topic is going before the board for voting at a time when most Wellfleet business owners will not be able to attend. At my business we use only truly recycled bags what I mean by this is all of the bags that we use come from other establishments and were given to us to reuse rather than get thrown out. If this ban takes effect all of the plastic bags that we are reusing will instead end up in a trash can.	4/23/2015 9:11 AM
30	Thank You for mentioning the Cape & Islands Green Program. We continue to work with all businesses on energy efficiency & conservation. The information is useful for residential and business practices!!	4/23/2015 8:54 AM
31	The problem is people littering. The continued use of regulations on business instead of enforcement of the behavior causing the problem is a good way to discourage businesses and make living here even more expensive.	4/23/2015 8:50 AM
32	Go for it!	4/23/2015 8:38 AM
33	I am upset every time I see a plastic bag caught on a tree branch. It's ugly and a threat to the environment.	4/23/2015 8:29 AM
34	Thank You!	4/23/2015 8:28 AM
35	believe that replacement bags are worse for the environment	4/23/2015 8:03 AM
36	We are creatures of habit. Once this ban this is enacted, people will get used to it and it will be the new better normal. As a town by the sea and living off the sea, we should be the head boat on this issue. Bring it on!	4/23/2015 8:03 AM
37	The more we can do to reduce litter & pollution the happier we all will be. The inconvenience we feel will be short-lived. I remember when there were no such things as plastic bags. Nobody seemed to suffer!	4/23/2015 8:01 AM
38	Strongly approve Please add my name and email to info sent Robin Slack. Robinslack44@gmail.com	4/23/2015 7:15 AM
39	Next you should work on mandatory composting. It is easy.	4/23/2015 7:14 AM
40	100% good idea.	4/23/2015 6:46 AM
41	Humans need to change habits for the good of the planet.....	4/23/2015 6:37 AM
42	You people are great. Really good work.	4/22/2015 9:35 PM
43	Go for it! I've been using my own bags since 1992.	4/22/2015 9:33 PM
44	I know that these policies are difficult for people to accept but if you keep working at it, we will all be better for it. People will adjust. Thank you for your volunteer work to benefit not only Wellfleet but the environment.	4/22/2015 6:45 PM

45	This is a wonderful initiative. Thanks for all the work you do for our planet!	4/22/2015 5:47 PM
46	Thank you for this effort. I have wanted plastic bags banned for years. Always take my own bag. So easy. Even made bags for our B&B guests with our logo.	4/22/2015 5:28 PM
47	Do It!!	4/22/2015 3:00 PM