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Dear Minister,

I write to lodge my opposition to your proposed ban on "single use" plastic bags.

I highlight the words "single use," because in our house they are far from that. We save the bags that our shopping comes home in, we often take one with us if we're heading to a store that doesn't provide bags, and we use them on an almost daily basis to collect and dispose of animal waste from our pets. If we lose this valuable source of RE-USABLE plastic bags, we will be forced to purchase bags specifically for these purchases - in other words, our lives will become more complex and expensive, and you won't have reduced the amount of plastic we go through - if anything, you'll have increased it. Sure, someone will make a profit - a plastic bag producer off-shore, I imagine - but the environment will be no better off, and nor will we.

Please give some serious consideration to this latest example of nanny-stateism. We need fewer rules and regulations in our lives, not fewer plastic bags!

Kind regards,

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