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Colorado 73<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly  
House Energy & Environment Committee  
200 East Colfax  
Denver, CO 80203

**Vote “YES” HB21-1162 | Management of Plastic Products**

House Energy and Environment Committee Representatives:

Plastic pollution has reached pandemic levels worldwide. As solutions present promising initiatives, colorful Colorado has an opportunity to manage and secure the health of our ecosystems and ourselves. The prime sponsors of HB21-1162 have done their homework. The repeal of the statewide preemption on local prohibitions of plastic products is paramount to our success in curbing plastic trash, pollution, and landfill availability. Give our communities this “vaccine” tool to tackle the escalating challenges.

In May of 2012, the City of Aspen decided to conserve resources and to reduce waste and litter by banning the free distribution of single-use plastic bags from our local grocers. Now, nearly nine years later, and as one of the first mountain communities to adopt ambitious climate goals, the City of Aspen's commitment continues to reflect the community's core understanding that a stable climate is crucial to the Aspen that we know and love. Climate action delivers direct quality of life benefits.

Our community strives to promote environmental stewardship and to lead climate action efforts throughout the Roaring Fork Valley. It is our civic responsibility to act on behalf of our constituents. Locally, we prioritize reducing greenhouse gas emissions and envision a low-carbon future for our town. This approach enables us to deliver quality programs to the Aspen community.

Please continue to advance policy that supports local government ability to protect our unique environment and conserve resources. May we deliver and secure a sustainable brighter future for our colorful Colorado.

Sincerely

Torre, Mayor