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Dear Larry Gonzales,

 I am writing to you because I think plastic bags should not be banned from Texas. I feel this way for several reasons. First, paper bags tear and rip easier than plastic bags. Groceries would be littered, useless, and wasted. It’s like money being dropped into lava; you can’t get it back. Paper bags are also thrown away and littered, too. The only difference is that plastic bags get used more often so they are littered more often. If people were *really* worried about the environment, they would take a stand about littering. Paper bags also get thrown away and littered. You also can’t reuse paper bags as much as you can reuse plastic bags. Most people use plastic bags more, so they reuse them more. My family saves them. Also, what would you put a long dress in if plastic bags were banned? Most stores like JCPenny and Kohls put their clothes in plastic bags that you can use for trash bags, which are also plastic. In addition, cloth bags are not as good as plastic bags. Not only do you have to buy them, but you have to spend more money to wash them. They can get dirty. If you don’t wash them, your food will get covered in bacteria. For example, if you bring home raw eggs or raw meat, your bag can get gross. You can get sick by eating the other food that was put in the bag. Plus, if your cashier is sick, his/her germs can get to your food and then to your family. If you buy a big load of groceries, you will need more than one bag. You also can’t separate meat, eggs, bread and other fragile, germy things into one bag of you only have one bag. Lastly, paper bags come from paper. To obtain paper, you need to cut down trees. When you do this, you release carbon dioxide into the air. When carbon dioxide is released into the air, it creates global warming. You also process the tree in a factory that can pollute the air. You do the same to make cloth bags. This melts polar ice caps which creates rising sea levels.

 As you can see, plastic bags should not be banned. They are better that the replacement bags for many reasons.

 Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Addie Hall.