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Petition to Implement a Fee on Single-Use Retail Bags in Yukon

To the Yukon Legislative Assembly:

This petition of the undersigned shows:

THAT single-use plastic bags have negative impacts on the environment and are an easily avoidable component of the Yukon waste stream.

THAT the recycling system for these items is unsustainable, these items occupy valuable landfill space and often escape collection, polluting our local environment and interfering with wildlife.

THAT on October 31, 2018 the Yukon Legislative Assembly adopted a motion (Motion No. 294, as amended) urging the Government of Yukon to "work towards eliminating the distribution of single-use plastic, including plastic bags, food and beverage containers, straws, utensils, lids and packaging."

THAT fees on single-use carrier bags effectively reduce their use and encourage use of reusable alternatives, as seen in similar jurisdictions such as Northwest Territories.

THEREFORE, the undersigned ask the Yukon Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Yukon to implement a mandatory fee on all single-use retail bags until a ban is in place.

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