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**To:** House Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
**Cc:** Rep. Boylan, Jennifer; Sen. Lauria, Pamela J.  
**Subject:** Microplastics Legislation H5492

Dear House Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

I'm writing to express my strong support for House Bill H5492 to limit the harmful effect of microplastics in our environment.

At the Land Trust, we see the problem of plastics every day as we conduct cleanups in natural areas littered with plastic bottles, caps, cartons, and increasingly, tiny bits of plastic that are being ground into the dirt, sand, mud, grasses and saltmarshes of our wild places. These plastics are being eaten by animals and are now present in much of the food we eat.

Humans created this problem and humans can initiate the solution. A plastic bottle does not remain a plastic bottle. Like other plastic objects, it breaks down into microplastics that are now found in virtually every element of our living Earth, infusing our environment with man-made toxins. Although the damage done may be with us forever, we can limit the future damage by taking action now.

Please vote YES on H5492. Thank you.

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