

**In Support of H 8415 - RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PLASTIC WASTE
REDUCTION ACT**

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Members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

I submit testimony in support of H 8415. Prohibiting black plastic containers for take out foods is long overdue. Black plastics contain unregulated toxic chemicals including heavy metals and flame retardants that leech into food and pose serious health hazards to humans, wildlife and environmental ecosystems. Black plastics are typically not recyclable and end up in landfills.

Please advance this very important act and pass it in the full house this legislative session.

Thank you to the sponsors of this act.

George Voutes