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Dear Sir or Madam:

**Subject: MVCCA (E&R-2013-02) Enabling Legislation To Authorize Localities To
Adopt A Single Use Bag Fee**

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization of citizens' associations in the Mount Vernon Magisterial District of Fairfax County, Virginia. In 2013, MVCCA represents over 50 community, civic, and homeowner associations (and their residents) members in the Magisterial District.

Since 1969, the Mount Vernon Council has represented and promoted the interests of its member associations and advocated for the common good and the general welfare of the residents of the Mount Vernon Magisterial District. The Council takes positions on issues of concern to its members, and then presents those views to Mount Vernon and Fairfax County elected officials, and when necessary, to the Virginia General Assembly, United States Congress, and other officials or entities as appropriate. Leadership and administration is vested in three co-chairs and the Board of Directors. For more information, please visit our website www.mvcca.org.

Litter is a growing issue on waterways, parks and roads for the Mount Vernon Magisterial District and other parts of the state. Litter blights the environment, devalues property, and affects the quality of residents' lives. As part of a solution to the litter issue, MVCCA proposes an educational program and a fee-for-use of single-use shopping bags program. To do this, MVCCA proposes both Houses of the Virginia Assembly introduce and pass legislation to enable a single-use shopping bag fee of up to 5-cents *per* bag. The fee is to develop guidelines for implementation based on efficiency, cost, and ease of administration.

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Additional background material is a letter to Supervisor Hyland "Letter to BOS-Hyland re litter prevention 2011 10 26.PDF"

On behalf of the MVCCA, this letter and copy of the resolution formulated by the MVCCA Environment and Recreation Committee and recently passed by the MVCCA General Council forwarded for your consideration.

A resolution MVCCA (E&R-2013-02) ENABLING LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE LOCALITIES TO ADOPT A SINGLE USE BAG FEE was voted upon by the MVCCA General Council Membership on July 24, 2013, and passed as presented here. The vote was thirteen yeas and three nay votes. As voted on, this matter before you has the support of the MVCCA's membership.

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MVCCA, Co-Chair

James Davis
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Gretchen Walzl
MVCCA, Co-Chair

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Betsy Martin, Chair, Environment & Recreation
Queenie Cox, Chair, Consumer Affairs

Attachment: 1. MVCCA (E&R-2013-02) Enabling Legislation To Authorize Localities To Adopt A Single Use Bag Fee
 2. PDF File of Citizens Action Plan for Litter Prevention Oct 2011