



**Letters & Remarks to the 2019 Virginia General Assembly
regarding Anti-Litter Legislation**

January 29, 2019, to the members of the House of Delegates Counties, Cities and Towns Committee

I am writing to you in your capacity as a member of the Counties, Cities and Towns Committee on behalf of the Friends of Accotink Creek, a volunteer group dedicated to preserving the well-being of our watershed. We ask you to support **HB 2095** to authorize localities to control the plastic litter that disfigures our creek, and every other stream and beach in Virginia.

The paid lobbyists of industry will come before your committee in opposition to **HB 2095**, telling tales of their wonderful efforts to encourage recycling. But words are cheap. A short walk along Accotink Creek shows the reality of where these recyclable products go. Enjoy our little video and please support **HB 2095**. <https://twitter.com/AccotinkCreek1/status/1090003584245268485>

January 16, 2019, Remarks before the Senate Finance Committee regarding SB 1116 & SB 1070

I am here on behalf of the Friends of Accotink Creek, a volunteer group dedicated to preserving the well-being of the Accotink Creek watershed. Over just the past five years, our volunteers have removed 2600 bags of trash from Accotink Creek alone, without making a visible impact in the problem.

This is just one of many streams in our Commonwealth. Nearly all this trash is plastic in its many and marvelous forms, plastic which will never biodegrade, never go away, but merely crumble into smaller and smaller pieces, which will remain with us and in us, accumulating for eternity. The world will come to regret our careless behavior with this useful, but hazardous material.

The Friends of Accotink Creek urge you to support legislation which addresses a part of the issue by placing limits on the waste of disposable plastic bags.

Other states, cities, and nations have taken such steps before us without suffering negative consequences. They include China, India, France, Israel, Italy, and more. Virginia can join them in leading the way.

Thank you

January 17, 2019, to the members of the House of Delegates Rules Committee

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Please support these bills which address this issue:

- **HJ 597**
- **HB 1669**
- **HB 2095**
- **HB 2159**
- **SB 193**
- **SB 1070**
- **SB 1116**

January 15, 2019, to the members of the Senate Finance Committee

I am writing to you in your capacity as a member of the Finance Committee on behalf of the Friends of Accotink Creek, a volunteer group dedicated to preserving the well-being of the Accotink Creek watershed. Over just the past five years, our volunteers have removed 2600 bags of trash from Accotink Creek alone, without making a visible impact in the problem.

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