

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION

BILL NO. 54-10

INTRODUCED BY: Wihongi

SECONDED BY: Zarzycki

A BILL TO: Decrease plastic waste by ceasing to administer plastic bags at MSU Food and Retail Services locations

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, World wide close to 1 trillion plastic bags are used each year, with only 5% of those being recycled¹; and

WHEREAS, Plastic bags are used for an average of 12 minutes²; and

WHEREAS, Universities and colleges abroad, such as Trinity College of Dublin, are eliminating single-use plastics on their campuses³; and

WHEREAS, 21 Sparty convenience stores provide students with plastic bags on campus and are owned by the University who “strive to make sustainable practices easy and integrated into campus culture”⁴; and

WHEREAS, The MSU Recycling Center no longer recycles plastic bags and therefore cannot recycle the plastic waste created by University owned campus stores, like MSU Food and Retail Services locations, and does not contribute to MSU’s goals for sustainable practices;

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) stands to request that MSU Food and Retail Services stop purchasing and providing students with plastic bags, instead offering a paper bag and/or selling a reusable grocery tote.

INTRODUCED ON Nov.09.2017

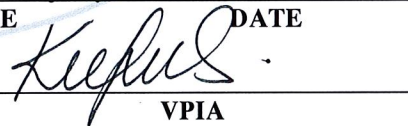
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¹ *Confronting Plastic One Bag at a Time*; The EPA Blog, Marcia Anderson, Nov. 1st, 2016

² Center for Biological Diversity; Single use Plastic Bag Facts

³ *Provost Announces Support of Elimination of Single-Use Plastic on Campus*; The University Times, Kathleen McNamee, Oct. 25th, 2017

⁴ Michigan State University Sustainability website, under Get involved tab.