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**Subject:** Letter

Dear Bexley City Council,

My name is Sydney Tyler and I go to Cassingham Elementary. For my sixth grade exhibition project I am researching plastic bag pollution in Ohio. It has been made clear by multiple companies such as Whole Foods and Trader Joes that there is a need for a plastic bag ban in Bexley.

There are many reasons why there should be a plastic bag ban; most importantly plastic bags have a negative impact on the environment. It takes over 300 years for a plastic bag to decompose by sunlight and air. A paper bag has a higher chance of being reused for many things, like wrapping paper and trash bags. Plastic counts as over 10% of the waste we produce and over 50% of all plastic bags are thrown away the first time they are used. Also, according to the Columbus Dispatch 185 million plastic bags are thrown away every year in Ohio and contribute to crowding in local landfill landfills. In addition, I know that Bexley's weekly recycling program does not accept plastic bags.

Former Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman acknowledged the fact that the people in Ohio want to place a plastic bag ban on the city, but he was only supporting a recycling program. The recycling program is called Green Spot. Giant Eagle already started carrying paper bags the new Giant Eagle coming to Bexley it would set an excellent example for existing businesses to follow by not using plastic bags.

Stores like Lucky's market in Clintonville, Whole Foods and Trader Joe's do not carry any plastic grocery bags and encourage people to bring their own reusable bags. I am asking Bexley City Council to consider banning plastic bags from being distributed by markets in our city.

Please contact me with any questions. Thank you for your interest and action on this important matter.

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