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Honorable Members of the Board,

Representative Provost sincerely apologizes for the tardiness of her response. Everyone in our office has been sick this week. Rep. Provost will take a look at H.739 and get back to you as soon as she can, but for now she can say that all the assumptions in the bill are based on best practices identified by the Sierra Club and legislative models adopted by other communities. In the meantime, the Representative encourages you to reach out to Clint Richmond, our plastics contact at the Sierra Club and an elected member of Brookline Town Meeting (crbrookline@aol.com), as well as Bradford Verter, who led the fight for a local ordinance banning plastic bags in Williamstown, where he is a member of the Board of Selectmen (brad.verter@gmail.com). Both are very knowledgeable on the issue and the bill itself.

Thank you,
Jordan

Jordan Neerhof

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September 14, 2015

Honorable Denise Provost
Room 473B
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Dear Representative Provost,

On September 3, 2015, the Somerville Board of Aldermen's Committee on Legislative Matters asked that you be contacted for information relative to Bill H739, an Act relative to plastic bag reduction. Specifically, the committee would like to know how the 80% recycled material threshold was established.

A proposed Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance is currently before the committee, therefore your timely response would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email at pforcellese2@somervillema.gov or by phone at 617-543-8152.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter K. Forcellese". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Peter K. Forcellese
Clerk of Committees