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Hi More questions. but to begin: I've been a plant chemist, a business owner, employer, and even do adopt-a-highway for a local club. I understand legislators write often vague laws on topics they are not experts, and rely on department staff to try to fill in details. I understand environmentalists and their supports expect to see some sort of government action too. Most people like clean water and air. My experiences that most of the trash along side my 500' lake front property wash food packaging trash (glass and plastic bottles #1), smoking trash, boat and car parts, personal hygiene trash, clothing and lastly plastic bags. The story of 2000 bags over a mile stretch of beach doesn't match my 1 bag for 100'. So my questions are: Why just plastic bags? Why exemption for food service group? Why are employers targeted and not employees? If you said I could fire a litterer without the claims of retaliation and harassment, then happy to comply. Where did these 25% cost benefit come from? Most waste streams are very difficult to get quality products for less than double the cost of new ingredient stream. Do you look into illegal dumping as the source of these bags? My farm had this problem, and even after I added cameras. I do go to the beach and like to walk my dog. How are you handling the dog waste (plastic bags on posts) issue with the ban? Thanks Steve