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Dear Framingham Retailer:

I am reaching out to you and other retailers in Framingham once again as we enter the final stages of implementing the Plastic Bag Reduction By-law enacted by Framingham Town Meeting in 2016. I have enclosed a copy of the by-law for your review. Additional information will be available soon on the Town website.

As you will see, effective January 1, 2018, single-use plastic bags will no longer be allowed in connection with checkout merchandise at any retail store or grocery store in Framingham. The by-law applies to so-called “thin film single-use plastic bags”, which are plastic bags with a thickness of 2.5 mm or less, intended for single-use.

The by-law encourages retailers to make reusable bags available as an alternate means of handling merchandise at checkout. Replacing single-use bags with reusable bags has several benefits, including reduced costs for retailers, a cleaner community, and reduced solid waste impacts on the environment. If you are considering the use of paper bags as an alternative, we'd encourage you to consider paper bags produced using a high percentage of recycled materials and post-consumer products.

The Town has been working with a group of community stakeholders who are promoting the use of reusable bags by customers. The Bring Your Own Bag campaign hopes to see increased use of reusable bags. To the extent that they are successful you will see a reduction in your costs of providing single use bags. I hope that you will support their efforts as a good business practice.

I hope we can all count on your support and cooperation to ensure a smooth implementation of the Plastic Bag Reduction By-law.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Halpin
Town Manager