

**From:** [Lee, Benjamin](#)  
**To:** [Wayne Pesce](#)  
**Cc:** [Rosenson, Valerie](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Stamford Plastic Bag Ban - Comment on Plastic Bag Thickness  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 31, 2018 9:09:04 AM

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Thank you again. We really appreciate your help with this matter.

Valerie, would you please add this correspondence to our record for this evening?

Best regards,

Ben

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**From:** Wayne Pesce <[wsp@ctfoodassociation.org](mailto:wsp@ctfoodassociation.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 31, 2018 8:35:53 AM  
**To:** Lee, Benjamin  
**Subject:** Re: Stamford Plastic Bag Ban - Comment on Plastic Bag Thickness

Correct

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 31, 2018, at 8:04 AM, Lee, Benjamin <[BLee@StamfordCT.gov](mailto:BLee@StamfordCT.gov)> wrote:

Thank you Wayne, that's very helpful.

To be clear, we understand that typical plastic grocery bags are approximately 0.5 mils thick. Therefore, a 2.25 mils bag is much thicker, and correspondingly, would be more expensive for a grocery store to provide/a 2.25 mils thick bag is unlikely to become a substitute for the current type of bag. Does that seem correct to you?

Best,

Ben

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**From:** Wayne Pesce <[wsp@ctfoodassociation.org](mailto:wsp@ctfoodassociation.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 30, 2018 5:00:33 PM

**To:** Lee, Benjamin

**Subject:** Stamford Plastic Bag Ban - Comment on Plastic Bag Thickness

Hello Ben, apologize for the delay.

The best working bag law in the country is arguably, California model. It calls for a reusable bag that is more than 2.25 mils. These 2.25 MIL bags are reusable and comply with single-use bag ban laws in California and Chicago. They feature die cut handles for easy carrying and are made of recyclable material.

Beyond banning single use bags and offering alternative options for takeout, we must make a concerted effort to educate consumers to remember to bring their own reusable bag.

As I stated when I came to visit back in May, we will be seeking a Connecticut solution to this growing environmental problem. I applaud your efforts and hope to be part of the solution along with you.

Best regards,

Wayne

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**From:** Lee, Benjamin [<mailto:BLee@StamfordCT.gov>]

**Sent:** Monday, July 30, 2018 9:45 AM

**To:** Wayne Pesce <[wsp@ctfoodassociation.org](mailto:wsp@ctfoodassociation.org)>

**Cc:** Rosenson, Valerie <[VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov](mailto:VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov)>

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Hi Wayne,

Just to follow-up, would you be able to submit a few thoughts before our meeting tomorrow evening?

Best regards,

Ben

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**From:** Wayne Pesce <[wsp@ctfoodassociation.org](mailto:wsp@ctfoodassociation.org)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 24, 2018 4:11:05 PM

**To:** Lee, Benjamin

**Subject:** RE: Stamford Plastic Bag Ban - Comment on Plastic Bag Thickness

Hello Ben, thanks for your note. I will get back to you with on the record response.

Best,

Wayne

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**From:** Lee, Benjamin [<mailto:BLee@StamfordCT.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 24, 2018 2:55 PM  
**To:** Wayne Pesce <[wsp@ctfoodassociation.org](mailto:wsp@ctfoodassociation.org)>  
**Cc:** Rosenson, Valerie <[VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov](mailto:VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov)>  
**Subject:** Stamford Plastic Bag Ban - Comment on Plastic Bag Thickness

Dear Wayne,

Thank you again for speaking before the L&R committee regarding our proposed ban on plastic bags in Stamford last May. We were hoping you might be able to return to discuss one of the finer points of our review, regarding the thickness of plastic bags which would be exempted from the ban. I understand from Ms. Rosenson that you won't be able to make it, and hope that you might be able to provide an emailed comment for our consideration.

Similar legislation tends to exempt bags which are at least 2.25 mils thick from the applicable ban. Based on your experience in the industry, how thick are typical plastic grocery bags? Is 2.25 mils much thicker, and would such bags be demonstrably more expensive? What is your organization's view of such an exemption?

If you do not mind, we would like to put your emailed response into the record.

Best regards,

Ben

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