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Dear Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce,

We are a group of 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade students from St. Paul of the Cross School. We meet monthly to share ideas about how we can help the environment. Many of our members have been very interested in raising awareness about the waste and pollution associated with single use plastic bags. These bags never biodegrade and they end up in our landfills, bodies of water both small and large, and everywhere we can imagine in our communities and nature.

We know it is no small task to reduce our use of plastic bags, but we had two ideas that might help a bit, and they don't cost anything.

- 1) Simply thank your customers who do bring reusable bags (positive reinforcement and saves you money because they don't need a bag)
- 2) Consider asking customers if they need a bag when they are only purchasing an item or two

Please consider sharing these ideas with your members and feel free to contact us, the Green Club Moderators, should you have any questions.

Thank You!

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