



# City of Chicago



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<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	Villegas (36)
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<b>Title:</b>	Call for prohibition of discharging plastic pellets and other pre-production plastic into waterways
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy

**RESOLUTION CALLING ON PROHIBITION OF DISCHARGE OF PLASTIC  
PELLETS AND OTHER PRE-PRODUCTION PLASTIC INTO WATERWAYS**

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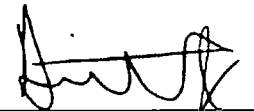
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**WHEREAS,** It is time-sensitive for Chicagoans to follow such practices seen throughout Illinois such as those in Senator Durbin's Plastic Pellet Free Waters Act and by the Shedd Aquarium; and

**WHEREAS,** Specifically, Senator Durbin's Plastic Pellet Free Waters Act, which prohibits the discharge of plastic pellets and other pre-production plastic materials from facilities that make, use, package, or transport those materials; and, now, therefore,

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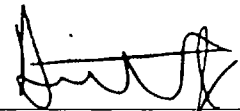
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