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Topic: Banning Single-Use Plastics (Voting Issues, ver. 1.17)

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But first, let's discuss the framework...

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VOTING ISSUE-01 (PRO): REDUCING SEVERE HEALTH RISKS

We believe one of our most important arguments is... reducing the dangerous health effects.

Because... if we ban single-use plastics, this significantly reduces production, and eliminates plastic waste, so fewer toxins are released from burning or from micro and nano plastic contamination.

So...

1. *First...* Millions of people especially those in poverty living near these facilities/landfills will get poisoned.
2. *Also...* Millions of people will have less exposure to contamination of our food, water, and air.
3. *Finally...* Alternatives decompose within months (land) to hours (water), which is far more sustainable!

Therefore... Banning single-use plastics will reduce health threats.

VOTING ISSUE-02 (PRO): PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

We believe another important argument is... protecting the environment.

Because... when we ban single-use plastics, we reduce the amount of plastic waste that comes from these disposable products, which means there is less waste ending up in marine habitats and fewer deaths. Many alternatives are designed to dissolve within a few hours in water, or just a few months on land. (ex. Jute!).

So...

1. *First...* Millions of plants and animals will no longer suffer from being entangled or choke to death.
2. *Also...* Habitats are less vulnerable to the unsustainable “forever” problems caused by plastic waste.
3. *Finally...* we save hundreds of millions of dollars in clean-up and removal costs.

Therefore... Banning single-use plastics will increase protection of the environment.

VOTING ISSUE-03 (PRO): REDUCING THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

We believe another very important argument is... reducing the effects of climate change.

Because... if we ban single-use plastics, this will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from production, and from incineration, which means a substantial reduction in one of the major causes of climate change.

So...

1. *First...* we save all life on Earth an infinite magnitude, which cannot be outweighed by anything else.
2. *Also...* the alternatives should be carbon neutral and their lifecycle make those trade-offs worth it.
3. *Finally...* millions of people will suffer from heat waves and storms that are widely reported on the news.

Therefore... Banning single-use plastics will reduce the threat of a serious climate crisis.

Concluding Statement:

“So, for all these reasons we strongly encourage you to vote for the PRO. Thank you.”

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VOTING ISSUE-01 (CON): HARMING THE ECONOMY

We believe one of our most important arguments is... harming the economy.

Because... a significant reduction in plastics reduces revenue for all related industries. Many businesses and their customers will be negatively impacted by the inflation caused by higher priced alternatives.

So...

1. *First... Major industries will suffer from lost income and will be forced to fire thousands of workers.*
2. *Also... Many small businesses will suffer from higher operating costs, pushing them toward bankruptcy.*
3. *Finally... Tens of millions of people will suffer from higher prices passed on to consumers.*

Therefore... Banning single-use plastics will cause substantial harm to the economy.

VOTING ISSUE-02 (CON): INCREASED THREATS TO HEALTH AND SAFETY

We believe another important argument is... increasing health and safety threats.

Because... replacing single-use plastics will force a shift to harmful alternatives that will increase the transmission of deadly diseases and will increase the risk of foodborne illnesses as well. Plastic is more sanitary, and they keep medical costs down.

So...

1. *First... Millions of health professionals and their patients will be at increased risk of deadly infections.*
2. *Also... Alternatives are far less sanitary, which increase the spread of foodborne illnesses and disease.*
3. *Finally... Millions will suffer from increased healthcare costs being passed on to the public.*

Therefore... Banning single-use plastics will increase threats to both health and public safety.

VOTING ISSUE-03 (CON): INCREASED RISKS FROM CLIMATE CHANGE

We believe another important argument is... increasing the risks of climate change.

Because... A ban on single-use plastics, will force a shift to alternatives, which will increase deforestation, reduce carbon capture, and produce more greenhouse gas emissions than the plastics being replaced.

So...

1. *First... we save all life on Earth an infinite magnitude, which cannot be outweighed by anything else.*
2. *Also... composting requires tremendous energy & gives off methane with is 20 times worse than CO2.*
3. *Finally... millions of people will suffer from heat waves and storms that are widely reported in the news.*

Therefore... Banning single-use plastics will increase the threat of a serious climate crisis.

Concluding Statement:

“So, for all these reasons we strongly encourage you to vote for the CON. Thank you.”