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The Honorable Aaron Muderick, President  
Narberth Borough Council  
100 Conway Avenue  
Narberth, PA 19072

Dear Members of Borough Council:

The Lower Merion Conservancy writes to express its enthusiastic support for the proposed ordinance banning the distribution of single-use plastic straws and the enactment of a mandatory purchase fee for single-use plastic bags in Narberth Borough. The Conservancy commends the Borough on its forward-acting environmental leadership and its efforts to be the first municipality in the state with such an ordinance.

As an environmental, member-supported organization and founding member of the Lower Merion Climate Action Coalition, the Conservancy recognizes that the sustainable management of our natural resources is inextricably intertwined with conservation and change and supports policies and programs in alignment with that vision. An ordinance reducing the distribution of single-use plastics is an important step towards a sustainable and healthy future, as the affliction of plastic waste degrades our natural resources, invades our waters and endangers wildlife.

The Conservancy hopes that Council members will consider our endorsement of the ordinance. We also offer our assistance in the creation and passing of any future sustainable policies that will reduce the burden of human impacts on the environment.

Finally, we look forward to working with the Borough to implement community education programs on sustainable living, such as the upcoming "Recycling Q&A" on Monday, September 24, and a three-part fall lecture series on backyard best management practices.

Sincerely,

Maurine McGeehan  
Executive Director