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Bill Nagel, Publisher
SF Chronicle
901 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Nagel,

In recent front-page articles and even an editorial ("Trashing plastics," May 30) the *SF Chronicle* has highlighted the enormous damage that plastic bags inflict on the environment. This is a golden opportunity for the *SF Chronicle* to be part of the solution by instituting a new policy regarding the plastic bags that regularly encase your delivered newspapers.

The Sierra Club suggests that newspapers be delivered without a bag, unless it is raining. If a bag is absolutely necessary due to weather or other issues, a 100% plant-based compostable bag should be used.

With a daily circulation of over 160,000 copies (and 222,000 on Sundays), the *SF Chronicle* could be contributing roughly over 62,000,000 plastic bags to the waste stream every year. Quoting from your May 30th, 2019 editorial, "Plastics are convenient and cheap, but they're made of a nightmare material that essentially never degrades."

We urge the *SF Chronicle* to take the lead in cutting back on plastic waste by eliminating plastic delivery bags.

Thank you for your consideration.

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