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Dear Friends:

Today, I want to thank Hilex Poly for bringing new, good-paying jobs to Indiana with the expansion of their North Vernon plant.

I am proud that Hoosier businesses are providing the blueprint for America's new green economy. Indiana has one of the largest percentages of manufacturing jobs of any state in the nation, and many of those are already "clean" jobs. With this latest expansion of their plant, Hilex Poly will employ around 20 more Hoosiers and reclaim 20 million pounds of post-consumer plastic bags this year. Furthermore, working with over 30,000 grocery stores across the country, they are encouraging Americans to recycle their plastic bags. I am happy to know Indiana is an essential part of this progress.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, I am keenly aware of the potential for growth that clean jobs, and in this case recycling jobs, hold for the economy. As the economy struggles, innovative programs like Hilex Poly's Bag-2-Bag plastic bag recycling facility will bring new jobs to Indiana and prove that you can be simultaneously economically profitable and environmentally responsible.

Hilex Poly stands out as an example of how America can turn the economy around and lead the world in conservation.

Congratulations and best wishes for continuing success and innovation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Evan Bayh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Evan" being more prominent than the last name "Bayh".

Evan Bayh