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Senator Bryant,

Two great things happened yesterday. You helped us raise more than \$27,000 in 24 hours, surpassing our Giving Tuesday goal and earning us an additional \$5,000 from a generous Board member—bringing our total to \$32,761.

And last night, flanked by Coastal Conservation League supporters, members of our team spoke in favor of passing a city-wide ban on single-use plastic bags, straws and Styrofoam in Charleston. They got it.

By a vote of 11-2, and as the hours ran down on Giving Tuesday, **Charleston became the largest city in the state to address plastic pollution** with a local solution and joined Beaufort County, Surfside Beach, Mount Pleasant, Isle of Palms, Folly Beach, and Sullivan's Island.

I want to share a short note Emily Cedzo, our Land, Water & Wildlife Program Director and organizer on the ban, received from a resident in Charleston.

Good morning, hope this finds you well. We've never met, I've only received your emails. However, I just wanted to take a minute to thank you and the work your team is doing for our community and environment.

Last month, due to your email and the reading that was taking place regarding single-use plastics, I attended my first-ever city council meeting. I'm passionate about this issue and upon walking into the city council meeting, I was thrilled to see so many others from our community passionate about it, too!

The moment—on plastic pollution, on offshore drilling, on habitat restoration—has arrived in South Carolina, and our coastal communities, organization, and empowered advocates are leading the way. Together, we are driving progress to protect our environment.

Your support, financially, at local meetings, and in messages cheering us on, means a lot. You are making sure we can continue the good work and participate in every necessary fight for what's right now and in the future.

Thank you so much. We couldn't do it without you.

-Laura

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