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Littering is a thoughtless and unconscious act, but to pick something up is an intentional and purposeful act of environmental awareness. My work with discarded materials, while bringing attention to the abundance of trash found on the streets and sidewalks of our cities, explores most singularly the power of transformation—both physically and perceptually. It is my hope that this work will help to change the way we see the world around us and our relationship to it.

Environmentalism of the past posed a false choice between saving the environment and protecting the economy. It is now our job to find opportunities where challenges exist and in the context of my work to discover, in litter, the potential for newfound beauty and meaning-Robert Larson, 2008