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To: House Committee on Energy and Environment

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Re: HB 2762

Chair Pederson, members of the committee:

AFT-Oregon stands in support of House Bill 2761. AFT-Oregon represents over 12,000 workers in education, from classified K12 school employees through higher education.

Oregon school children deserve better. Polystyrene trays, plates, food containers and food packaging materials are a known hazardous material that both leaches dangerous chemicals into food and pollutes our environment.

As servers in many school cafeterias in Portland and beyond, AFT-Oregon members stand with our community in demanding safety for our students and our environment.

We urge you to support House Bill 2762.

Sincerely,

David Rive

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