

To: House Committee on Energy and Environment
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Re: HB 2762

Hi my name is Dante Acevedo. I am a 4th grader at SES. Today I am here to talk about the polystyrene health hazards. According to a Harvard fact sheet polystyrene is really bad for our health.

- Polystyrene food trays leach the toxin styrene when it touches warm foods, acidic foods or warm drinks. Many of the foods kids eat in schools is warm and acidic like oranges and chicken.
- Styrene is also a neurotoxin. That means it is poisonous to nerve tissue.
- Polystyrene contains the toxic chemicals styrene and benzene which are suspected carcinogens that are hazardous to humans.
- Styrene is stored in our fat tissues.

Thank you for your time.