

To: Senate Committee on Education
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Re: HB 2762

Hello! My name is Sonia. I am nine and in 4th grade. I go to Sunnyside Environmental School. Polystyrene is bad for animals because:

- It has chemicals in it.
- It can get stuck in animal's stomachs and kill them.
- It fills them up so they don't eat the food they need to live.

According to National Geographic about 44% of all seabirds eat plastic, including polystyrene, by mistake, sometimes with fatal effects.

Polystyrene breaks into smaller and smaller pieces. These pieces float in water, in the ocean, and marine mammals mistake it for food. This can kill them.

It is important to protect animals from polystyrene because they have as much right to this planet as we do.

Thank you!

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