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I'm writing you today in support of SB543: Polystyrene Foodware

The harmful effects of Styrofoam (polystyrene) are well-documented and have been known for several decades now. It is unconscionable that we continue to use this environmental disaster.

Polystyrene is damaging to the air in it's manufacturing (producing 50 different chemicals, some of which are carcinogenic), it's harmful to human health when ingested as chemicals can leach from the polystyrene containers.

It's also an environmental hazard when thrown out, since it takes at least 500 years to decompose. It fills landfills and is extremely dangerous to animals that ingest the small pieces of polystyrene.

SB543 will help to reduce polystyrene's impact on the environment and encourage the use of more environmentally friendly foodware.