

Attention: Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Re: SB 543 and SB 544

February 13, 2023

Jeanne co-founded and I volunteer with the Eco-School Network (ESN), an organization of parents promoting sustainable practices and raising ecological awareness in schools in Oregon.

One of the most common concerns we hear from folks in our network is a desire to reduce garbage -- especially single use items -- in school cafeterias. As you can see from the attached letters, elementary and middle school students care about this issue too. We collected letters and drawings from more than 50 Oregon students (plus a few parents) expressing their support of a ban on both polystyrene for food vendors and on single use plastic in food service. The children are from Bridger Elementary and Beverly Cleary K-8 school, both in Portland (Senate District 23, and House Districts 45 and 46).

We encourage you to keep in mind food service in schools when considering the bill. These are among the largest kitchens in the state. Portland Public Schools alone serves around 30,000 meals to students each day. Volunteers in ESN have helped 46 schools in three districts switch to reusable silverware. It can be done, and it is not cost intensive. ESN's work focuses on schools, but of course our concern extends beyond schools to all food service vendors.

We appreciate your leadership on this issue and look forward to following progress on relevant bills.

Sincerely,

Jane Comeault and Jeanne Roy, on behalf of the Eco School Network

Date: 10/2/22

Name: Pina Anselmo Age: 12

Beverly elementary school

School: BCS

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

It is ruining the environment, and
if we keep using single use
plastics, it's going to just
be almost impossible to reverse.

I don't want to grow up and have
to live with all this garbage,
and I think this is a good step
to trying to fix that. #planet
#yass #werealbonfire#saveus

Sincerely,

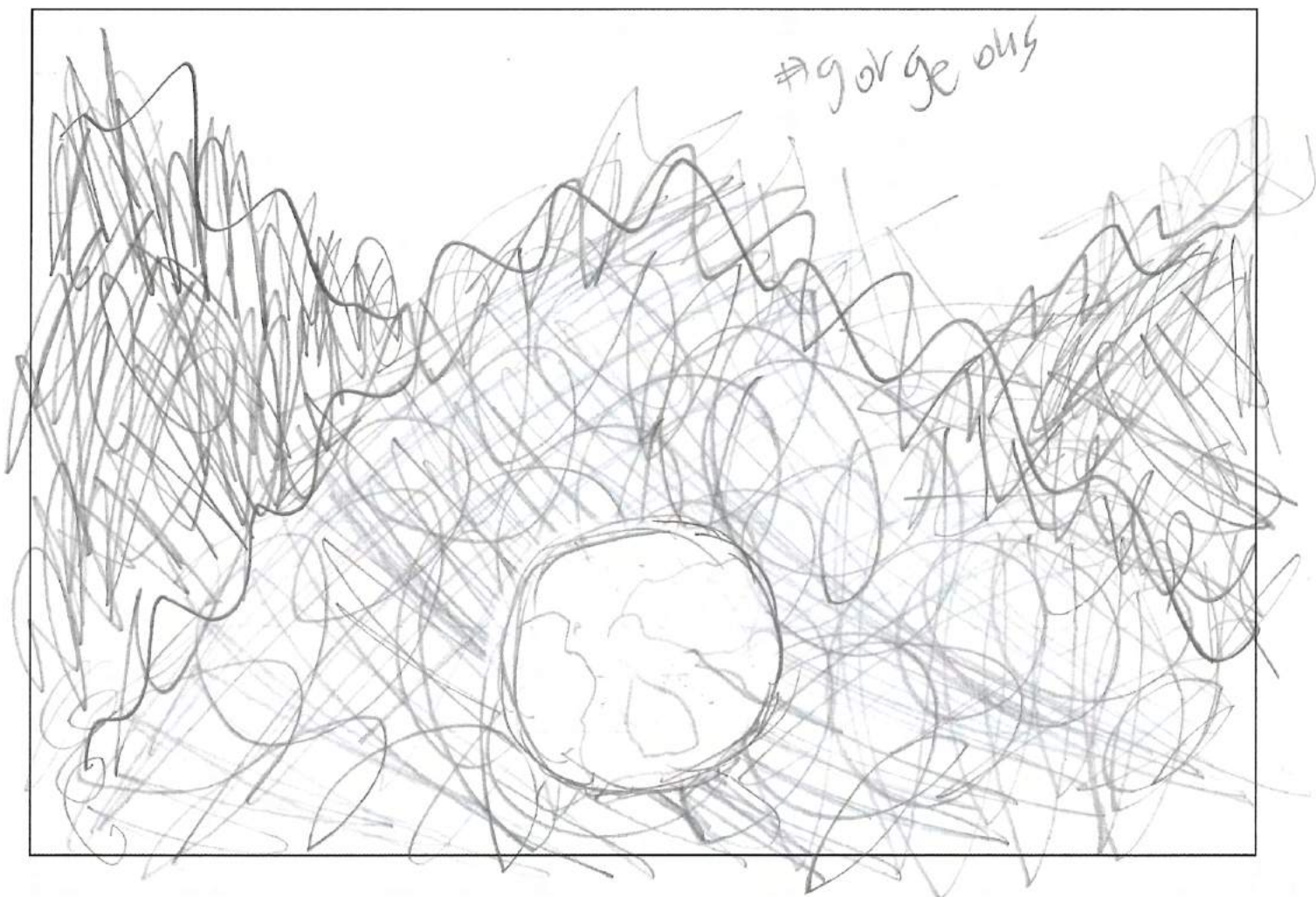
Pina Anselmo

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Pina Anselmo Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...



Sincerely,

Pina Anselmo

Date: 10.7.22

Name: Lily Herkert Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

I think that we should try to follow through with
banning plastic that is used for plastic food containers
food vendors and all kinds of products that are coming
in non useful packaging that gets wasted and ruins the
earth little by little each day! It's sad to think that the
world that you are living on is getting destroyed by
this stupid little thing called plastic, it really is sad
when you think about it. The one thing that you

may think is a struggle is what are we going to
replace it with... you could use Glass, and silicone
silicone is made out of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and silicone.

Sincerely,

Lily Herkert

I have heard that there is piles
and piles of plastic that is getting
shipped to China! There's big
warehouses that store all the

→ trash but it is becoming so much and they said they are
done taking all the trash. I don't blame them it's not fair for
them to have all of our messes that we should be handling
and figuring out ourselves! → other side of the page →

Hope you fall follow through so we can be the people that make a great difference.

Date: 10.7.22

Name: Lily Herbert Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...



Sincerely,

Lily Herbert

Date: 10/6/22

Name: Gabriel Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

We have already polluted earth
so much with polystyrene and people are
unaware of it. That's why I
think the ban might make them
wake up from their ignorance. And if
we don't do anything the plastic
will build up because it can last
for hundreds or thousands of
years.

Sincerely,

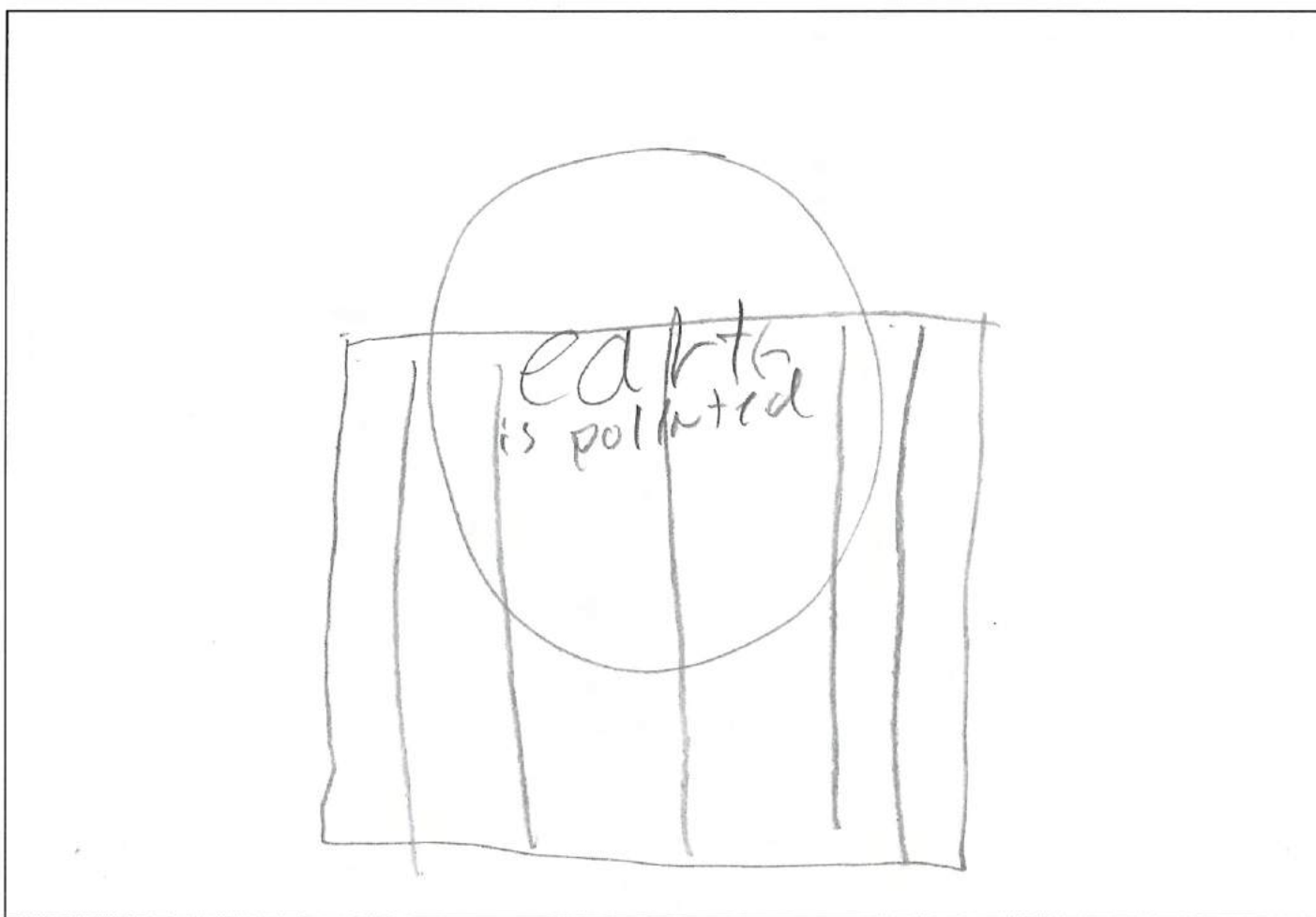
Gabriel

Date: 10/6/22

Name: Gabriel Age: 12

School: Beverly cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...



Sincerely,

Gabriel

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Rawad Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

Polystyrene is causing problems with the environment

so it should be banned

The only problem with a ban is that we

need the objects that are normally made of
polystyrene, and we will need a replacement

But if you have a material that works,

then yes ban polystyrene

Sincerely,

Rawad

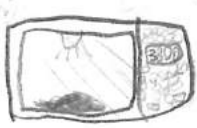



Date: 10/7/22

Name: Rawad Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

How to get rid of polystyrene

1) Get Polystyrene	2) Hit with sledge hammer	3) Burn It	4) Throw it off cliff	5) Put In oven for 2 hours	6) Run over with car
7) Put In reusable Bottle	8) Bash repeatedly against the ground	9) Freeze	10) Unfreeze	11) Burn it again	12) cut It
13) Drop and on it	14) Put it In Lava	15) Freeze again	16) Put hot sauce	17) Put salt	
18) Microwave	19) Go to white house	20) put on someone's dinner	21) watch them eat it		
				Polystyrene is gone	

Sincerely,

Rawad

Date: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

School: _____

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

it will lower pollution and reduce the plastic in the ocean which kills fish and other natural life that we eat. This plastics also end up on islands and ~~the~~ the plastic messes up their community's and beautiful lands.

Plastic fish not tasty # only save me # GO TO MORS

Sincerely,

Travis McKay Hortman

Date: 10/7/22

writing is
on the
back!

Name: McKay Hartman Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary Elementary and Middle School

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...



Sincerely,

Travis McKay Hartman

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Owen Johnson Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary School

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

All plastic doesn't last long and it has no secondary use, so we would be better off just using aluminum and paper. Even though people say you can recycle them they rarely are and usually end up in a landfill. So I hope that you ban polystyrene plastic.

Sincerely,

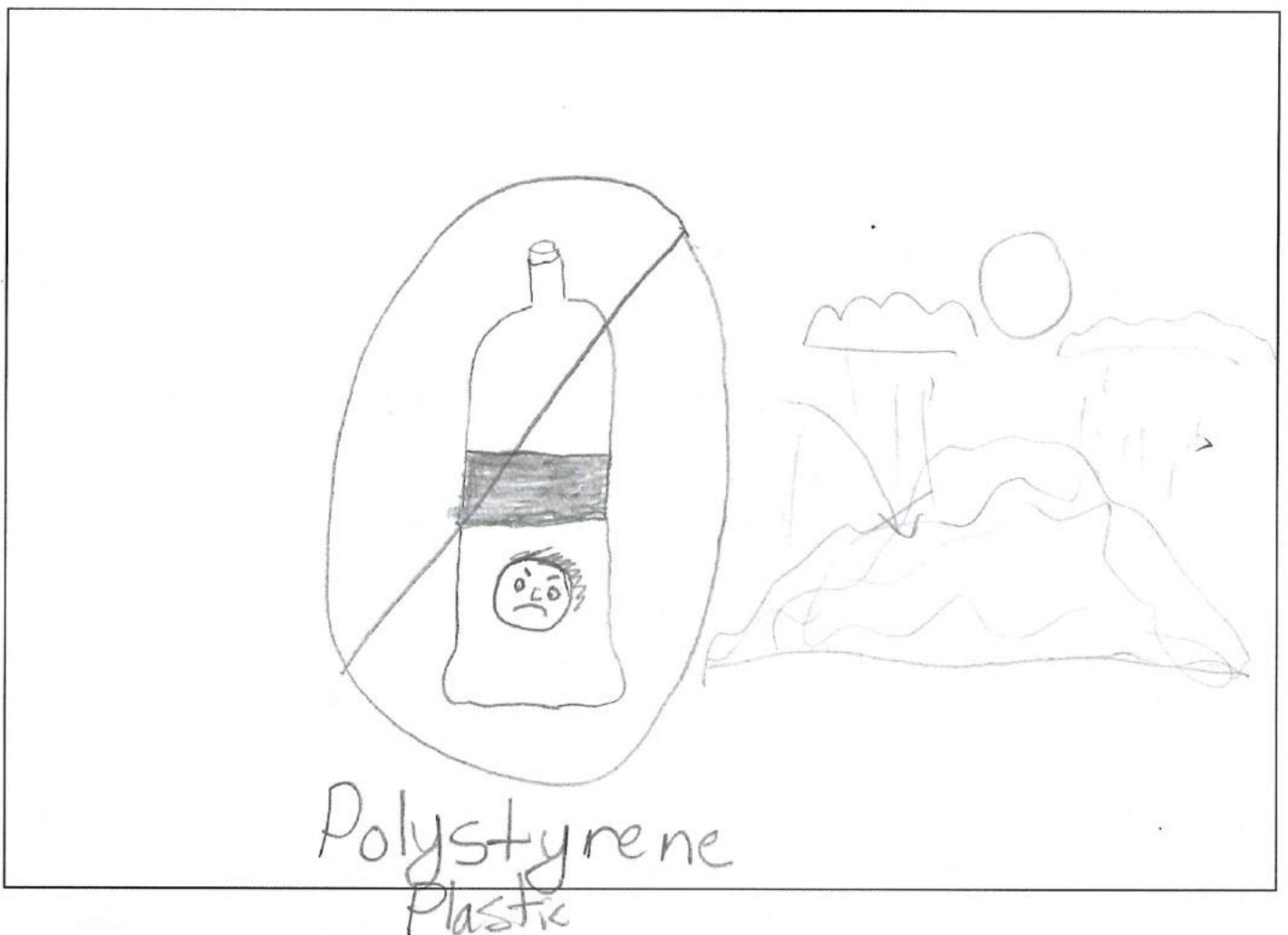
Owen Johnson

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Owen Johnson Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary School

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...



Sincerely,

Owen Johnson

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Thomas Sexton Age: 13

School: Beverly Cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

Polystyrene is pretty bad for the environment because like most other single use plastics, there is no good way to get rid of it. That's because it's not decomposable, so it ends up getting burned to make fuel. But that creates many bad toxic gasses like dioxins, furans, mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls (or PCBs).

Sincerely,

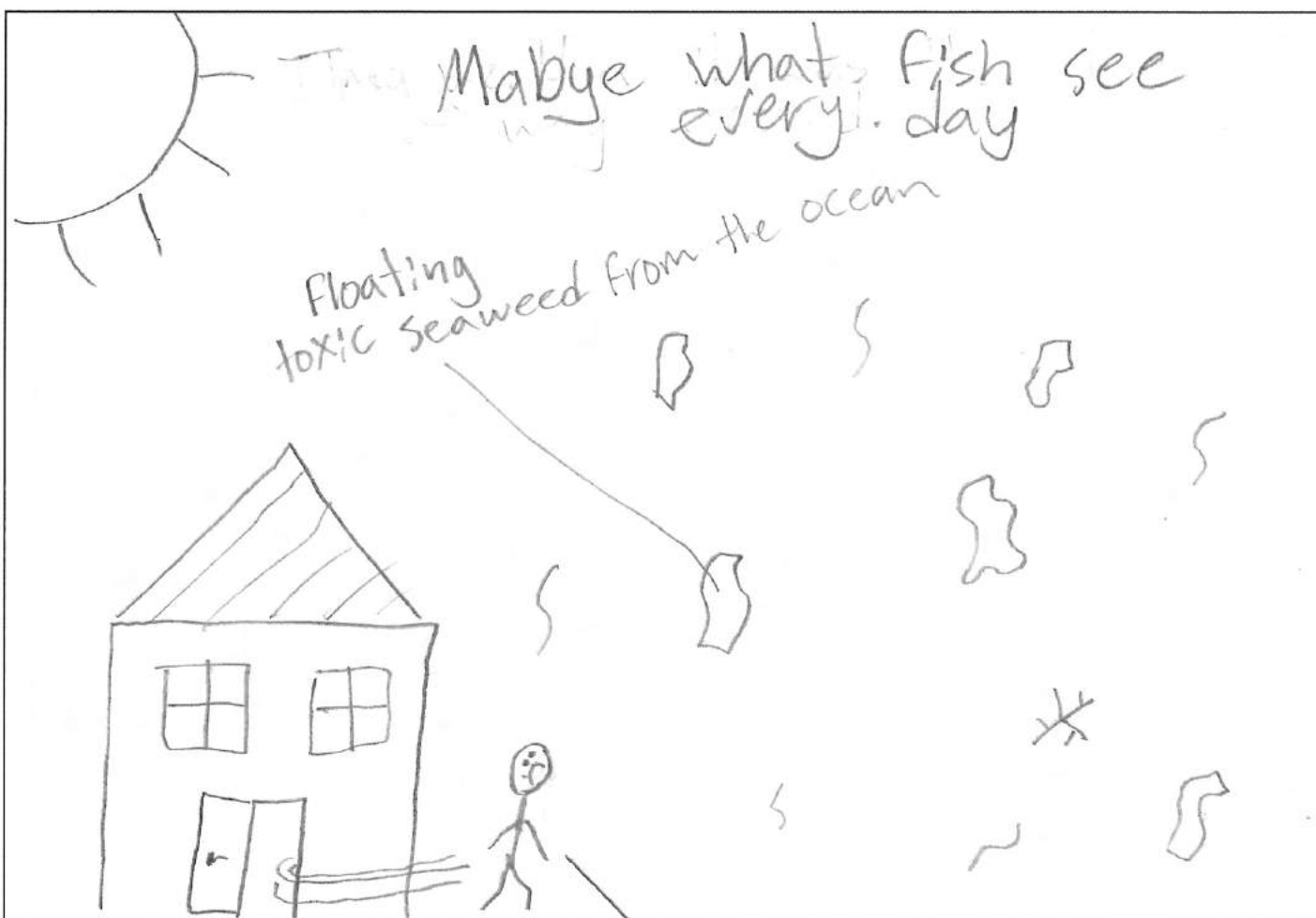
Thomas

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Thomas Age: 13

School: Beverly Cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...



Sincerely,

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Desi Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

~~It~~ Even though it doesn't effect me directly I know it affects others, whether it's other people or animals it has a huge impact. A lot of people say it's the environment's fault about global warming but it's not. It's ours. That's why I agree with this.

Sincerely,

Desi Stevenson Harjo

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Desi Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...



Sincerely,

Desi

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Camille Weaver Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

Hello! If you think about it, when we use single use food containers they last for a couple hours to a couple days. Once we throw it away it spends thousands of years in a land fill or even worse, the ocean, hurting the wild life and coral reefs. I strongly support this law. And as you say children/kids are the future!

Sincerely,

Your Future

Date: 10/17/22

Name: Camille Weaver Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...



Sincerely,

Camille

Date: 10/8/2008

Name: Gravin Age: 12

School: BCS

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

If we don't stop the world will
be covered in plastic and the air
will be poisoned.



Sincerely,

Gravin Callaghan

Date: 10/9/2022

Name: Gravin Callaghan Age: 12

School: BCS

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

it's polluting our world and we want
our world for a long time.



Sincerely,

Gravin Callaghan

Date: October 7

Name: Esme Treadwell Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary School K-8 portland

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

For me I support this idea and I think it's awesome,
but if this does not happen the future is
not gonna be bright, is it? The world is full of
one use plastic and it needs to stop, NOW! I know I'm
only 12, but I have an opinion, and I think we can do it only
if we try. 5 years later... *Today we have found earth the
biggest trash bag ever* we don't want it to be like that.
please don't make earth a big trash bag.

Sincerely,

Esme Treadwell

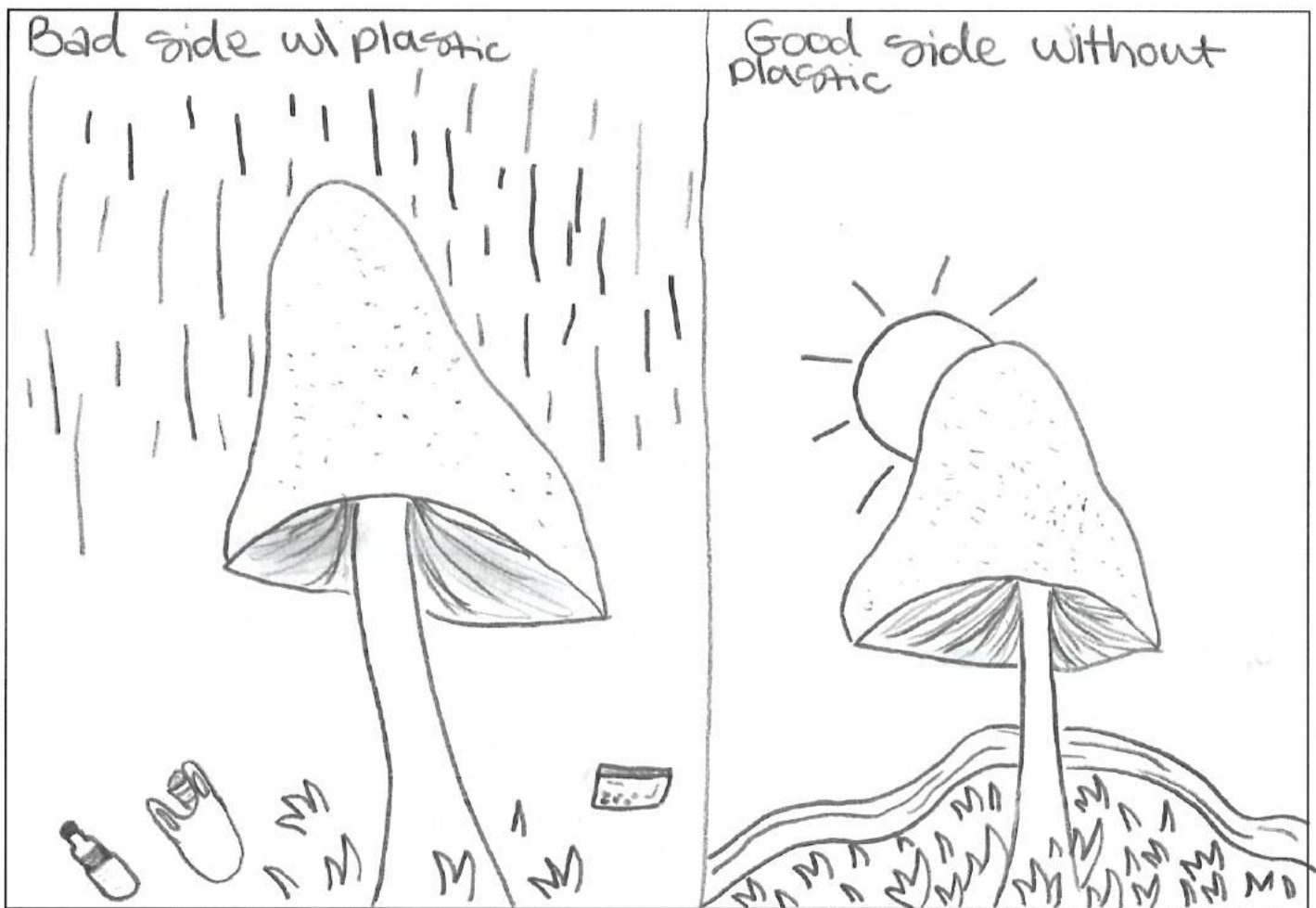


Date: 10/7/22

Name: Esmé Treadwell Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary School

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...



Sincerely,

Esmé Treadwell

Date: 10/7/2022

Name: Lena Cullington Age: 13

School: Beverly Cleary School (K-8)

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

I once saw a photo of a Bob's Red Mill plastic container, located in a landfill, all the way in Indonesia. It made me think about how so many people in Oregon don't even realize where their single use products go. The people of Oregon have an option to care and believe. We should take that chance to try to change the outcome of Global Warming!

Sincerely,

Lena Cullington, a firm believer of this ban.

Date: 10/7/2022

Name: Lena Cullington Age: 13

School: Beverly Cleary School (K-8)

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

Be ~~Be~~ FANTASTIC
Get Rid of Plastic!

SAY

NO!



Ban Single Use in Oregon

Sincerely,

Lena Cullington

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Nina Kagen Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

after my class watched a documentary
about what plastic is doing to our planet,
I started noticing a lot more about
plastics I see on the road and buried
around my neighborhood. Plastic food
containers have a useful life of mere
hours or days but persist in the
environment for hundreds or thousands
of years. This can cause an impact on
wild life, humans, and in general the environment.

Sincerely,

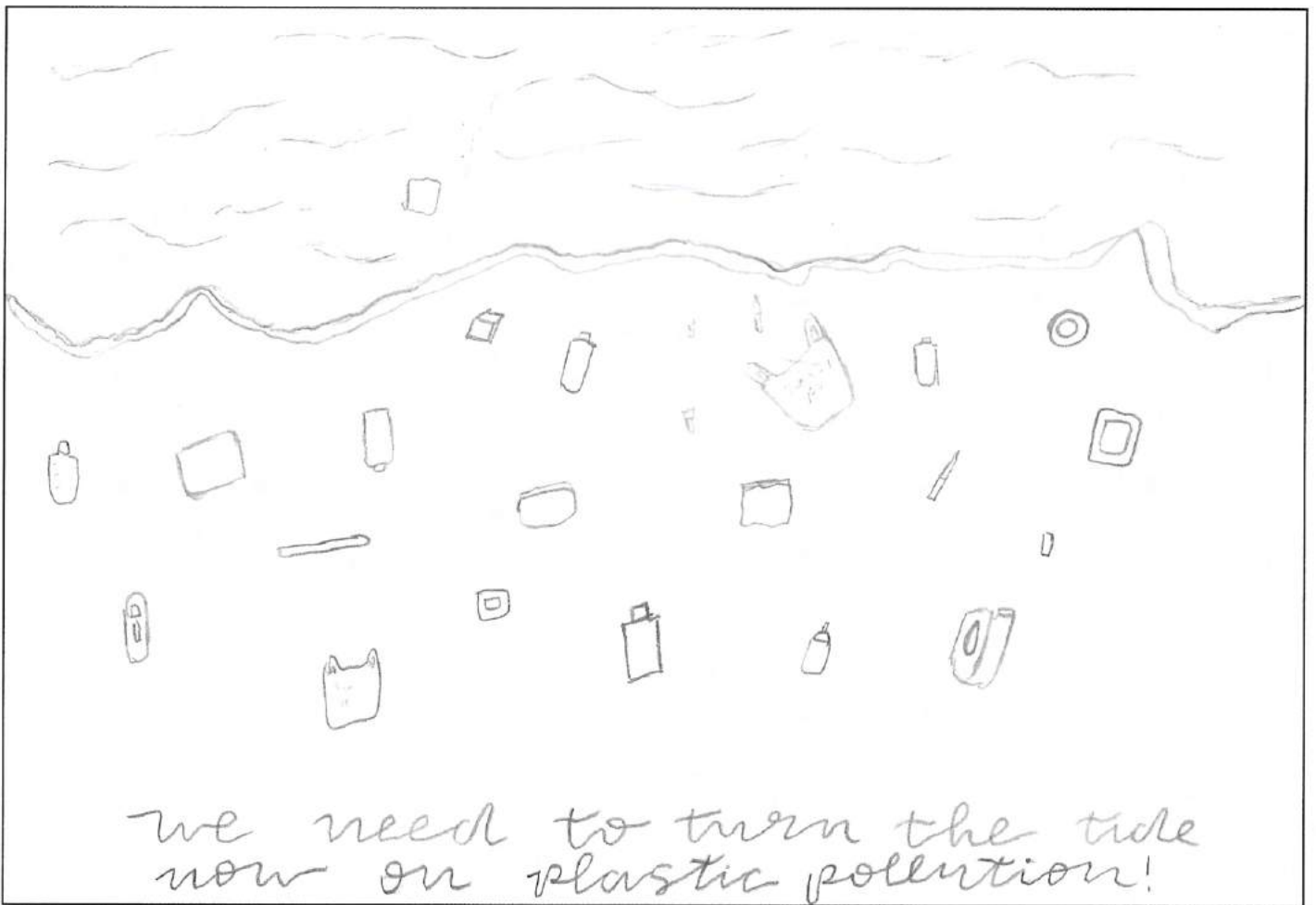
Nina

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Nina Kagen Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...



Sincerely,

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Eleanor Frink-Davis Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary K-8 (Portland)

^{enthusiastically}
I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

It's the right thing to do. We use plastic once
and it stays here forever. Since Oregon is on
the coast, it's easy for trash to float into
the ocean and contribute to gyres like the Great
Pacific Garbage Patch.

Whenever I see anything about plastic pollution, it
makes me feel extremely guilty because I'm a consumer
too. We can't ignore this problem any longer. If
we do, it'll just be thrust on the next generation.

Sincerely,

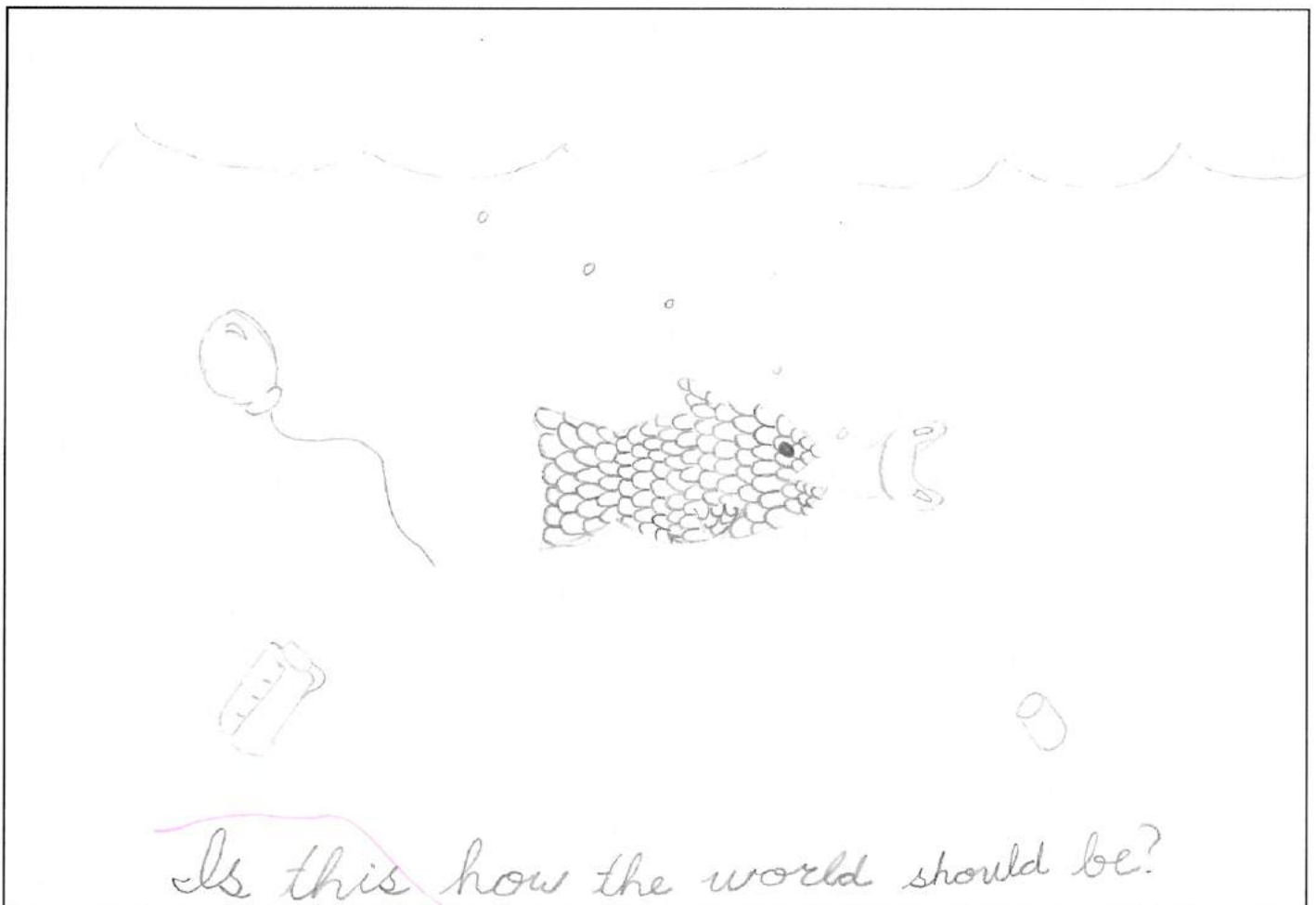
Eleanor Frink-Davis

Date: 10/07/22

Name: Eleanor Frink-Davis Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary School

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...



Sincerely,

Eleanor Frink-Davis

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Jonah Smith Age: 12

School: Beverly elementary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

The future depends on it. If my kids are to have a life then I use plastics have to stop like styrofoam and straws and help preserve natural wildlife

Sincerely,

Jon

Date: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

School: _____

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...



Sincerely,

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Everett Dickinson Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary School (BCS)

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

These plastics are destroying our environment, they are
going into the oceans and tearing them apart
they even go into the foods we eat while it
seems like one person going ~~to~~ zero waste is insignificant
it adds up quickly if polystyrene is banned we can
prevent millions of pounds of plastics out of the ocean.
So we can all be happier and healthier together.

Sincerely,

Everett Dickinson

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Everett Dickinson Age: 12

School: BCS

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...



Sincerely,

Everett Dickinson

Date: 10/7/22

Name: June ballew Age: 12 years 7th grade

School: BCS Fernwood

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

plastics and Foam products are
very bad for the planet and oceans,
animals are dying because of pollution
and it needs to stop!! its not only
bad for animals but humans too!!
its intoxicating the air oceans and much
much more causing it to be hard to
breathe and enjoy the earth while
we have it

Sincerely,

June irene ballew

Date: 10/7/22

Name: June ballew Age: 12 years 7 months

School: BLS Fernwood

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...



Sincerely,

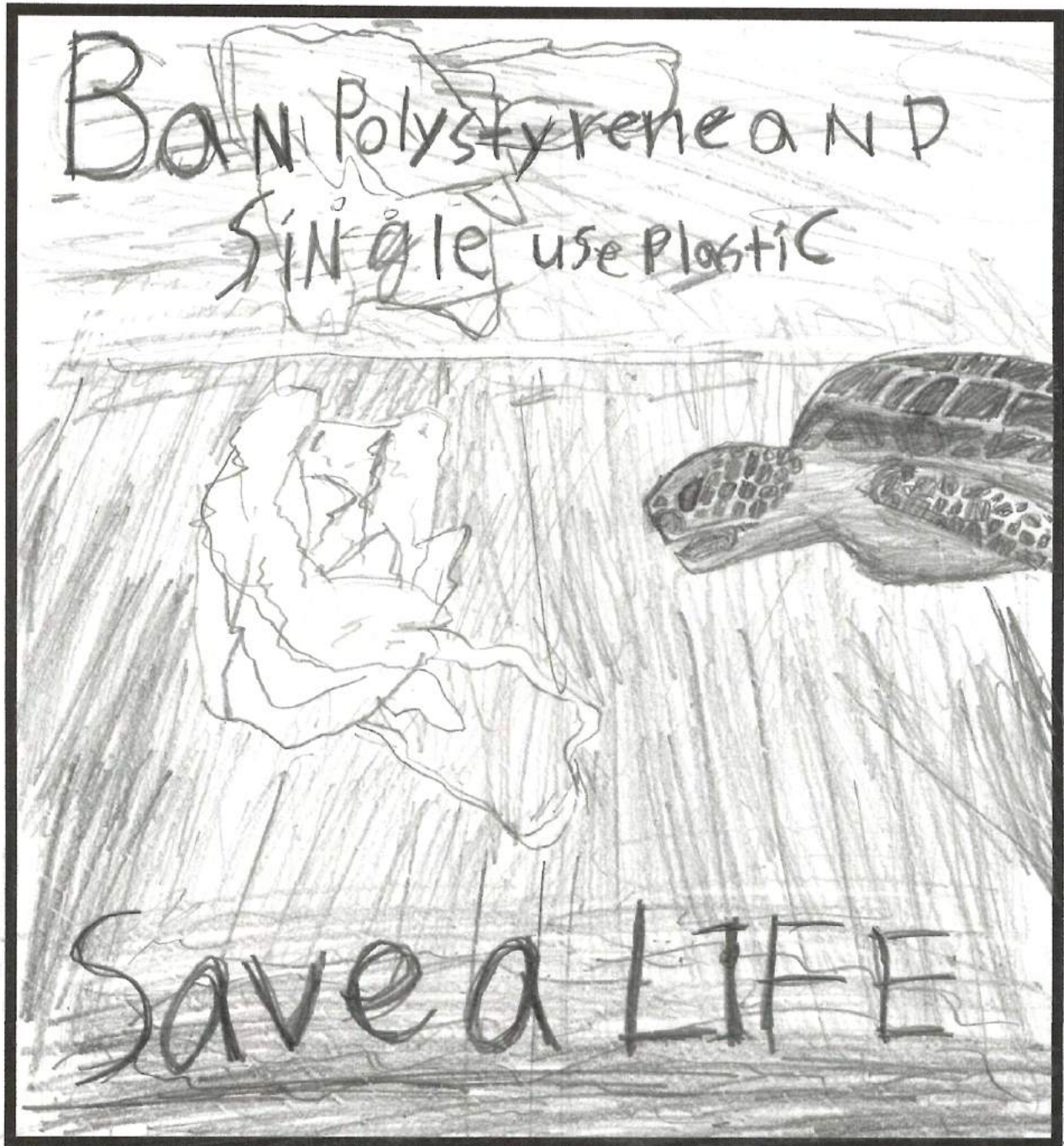
June Irene ballew

Date: 14/10/22

Name: Everett Comeau III Age: 11

School: Fernwood, Beverly Cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...



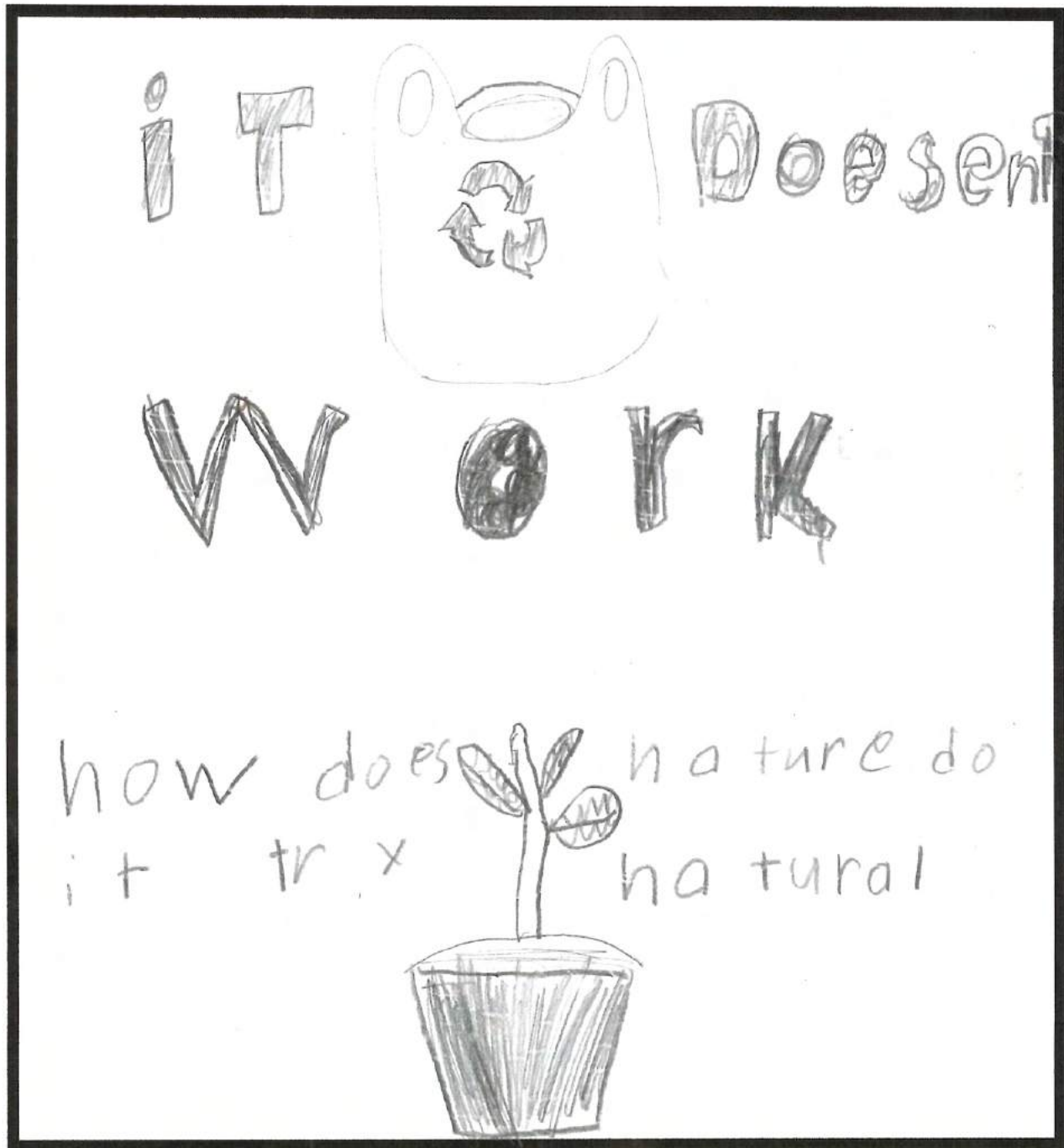
Over 25 Billion Polystyrene cups are thrown away each year or about 82 per person. And that's not including everything else

Date: 10/14/22

Name: Carver Age: 9

School: Beverly Cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

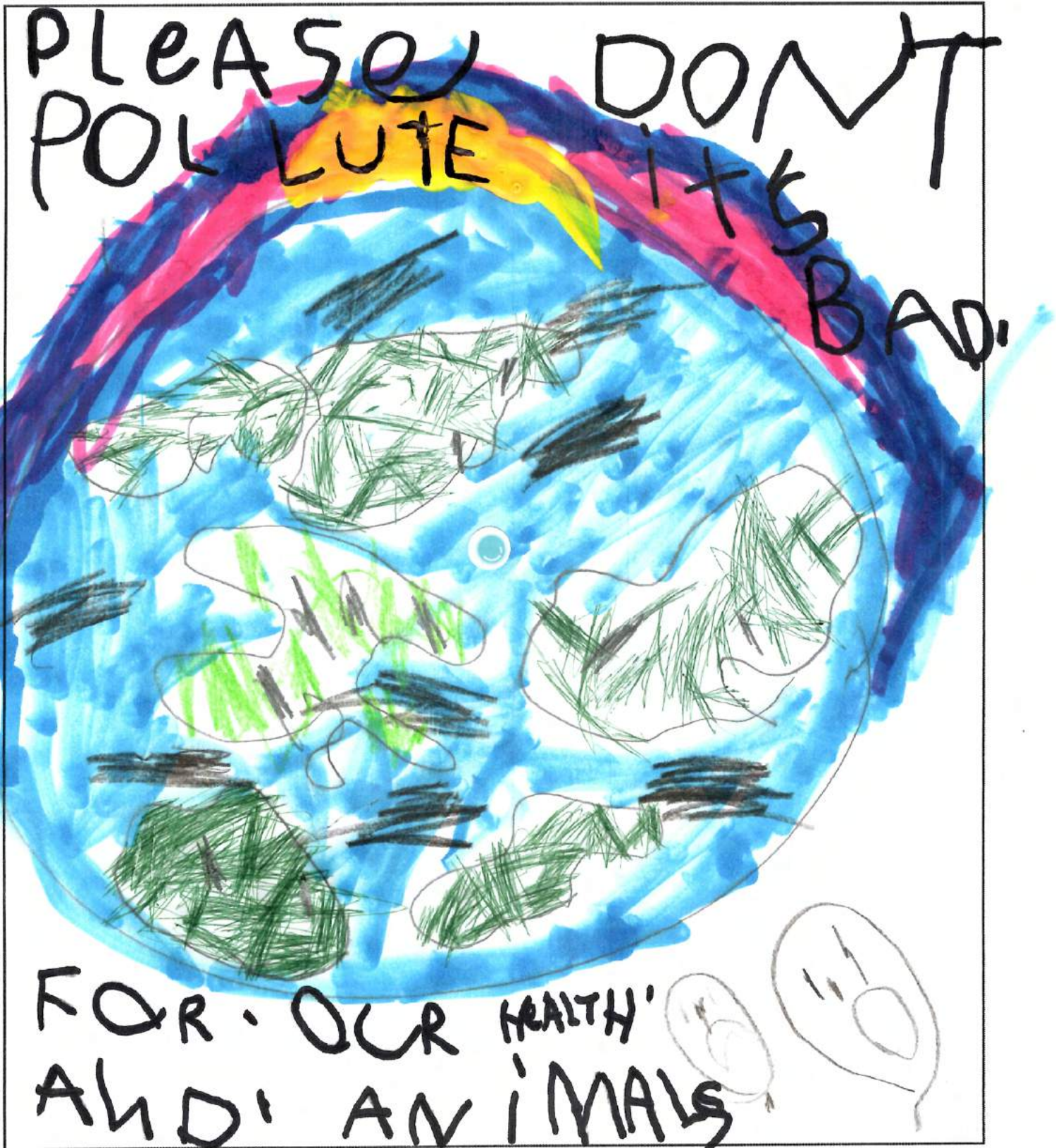


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Name: Oliver

Portland Resident and Bridger Elementary School Community Member

Why I support the ban on polystyrene for food vendors as well as a ban on single use plastics in food service ware:



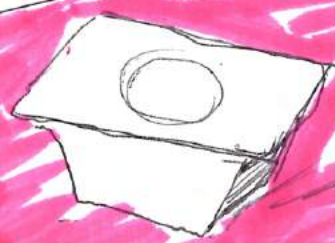
Sept 8, 2022

Name: Christopher Buckingham

Portland Resident and Bridger Elementary School Community Member

Why I support the ban on polystyrene for food vendors as well as a ban on single use plastics in food service ware:

I was very surprised when I first visited France in the '90's. There were no single use plastics and very little "to go" accessories. Either you'd pour your sauce out of a bottle or sit ~~and~~ and eat a long lunch and enjoy. It made me realize that I didn't want all those single serving products, I wished they were phased out. But nothing happened and I didn't think to be active about it. Twenty years later and I just visited France again and I noticed they have also started using single serve packaging - the west influence spread. It is never too late to act. Show that there is a better way. As a consumer, I don't want this packaging and I'd be willing to change my habits in order to ban these plastics. ~~The~~ sitting and having a lunch and condiments out of a re-usable bottle sounds nice & it's just better for the planet.



Sept 8, 2022

Name: Kendra Larson

Portland Resident and Bridger Elementary School Community Member

Why I support the ban on polystyrene for food vendors as well as a ban on single use plastics in food service ware:

Because an Oregon sunset shouldn't include a giant plastic island.



Sept 8, 2022

Name: Oryon

Portland Resident and Bridger Elementary School Community Member

Why I support the ban on polystyrene for food vendors as well as a ban on single use plastics in food service ware:



Date: 10/6/22

Name: Declan Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary/Fernwood

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

It's really bad for the environment
because single use plastic is usually
just thrown into the sea. Because
it's "single use" meaning it can
only be used once. Single use plastic
is also really bad for the environment
because it can't be recycled and by
2050 there will be more single use
plastics than fish in the ocean.

Sincerely,

Declan Padilla

Date: 10-7-22

Name: Liam.W Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary School Portland O.R

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

I support a ban on polystyrene

because it is not good for

animals or the environment. Some

animals think plastic is food

because there is so much in our

Oceans, animals are getting very sick

or even dying from it getting

stuck in their stomachs. We either

need to ban it or stop using

so much.

Sincerely,

Liam.W

Date: 10-7-27

Name: Jillian Hammer Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

they are very harmful for the environment.

Plastic can end up inside animals

and kill them. Making the choice

to ban plastics will help protect

and sustain a better future from my

generations.

Sincerely,

Jillian Hammer

Date: 10/6/22

Name: Lillian Skelton Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary School

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

plastics hurt and kill our environment.

We have the solutions to stop it, so this

is the first step that we need. Polystyrene

can't be recycled or reused, and even

plastics that can be reused have to

be melted which emits carbon, and

carbon emissions can cause health problems

and are even linked to CANCER. So

not only are plastic hurting our earth,

they are hurting us. I ask you to make this

Sincerely, come. Because we can't vote or be in office
So it is up to you if you want
Lillian to help our earth.

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Ian Age: 13

School: Beverly Hills/Farmwood

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

It hurts the environment. It is estimated
that by the year of 2050 that
there will be more trash in the
ocean than fish. Although it is looking
dire & right now, this outcome can
still be avoided. Instead of polystyrene
we could use paper. It's a more
sustainable source since we can
keep planting new trees, it's much easier
to recycle, and it doesn't hurt the environment.
Please consider supporting the ban on
polystyrene.

Sincerely,

Ian



Date: 10/7/22

Name: Emma Cantone Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary School

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

...in one year, in the United States alone, we use almost one trillion single use plastic containers! Most of these aren't even really recycled, but end up in landfills and our ocean. Some people think that in a few years, there will be more pieces of plastic in the ocean than fish! If a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and on single use plastic in food service ware was imposed, then I think there would be less of a chance that plastic would outnumber fish.

Sincerely,

Emma Cantone

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Kendrick Peterson Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary School

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

plastic is hurting the planet, the
environment, our economy, and everything in
between. Senator Sollman, it needs to stop, because
the sooner we do something about it,
the sooner we can actually live our lives
without worrying whether our rivers will
become filled with plastic, or if our wildlife is killed
by pollution. This is a large problem,
so please, take this message to
heart.

Sincerely,

Kendrick Peterson

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Pierce Age: _____

School: Beverly Cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

It's less plastic in the
ocean and less plastic in
the world. It only survives hours
or days but it's in the environment
for ever. I don't want people
in other countries to deal
with our plastic.

Sincerely,

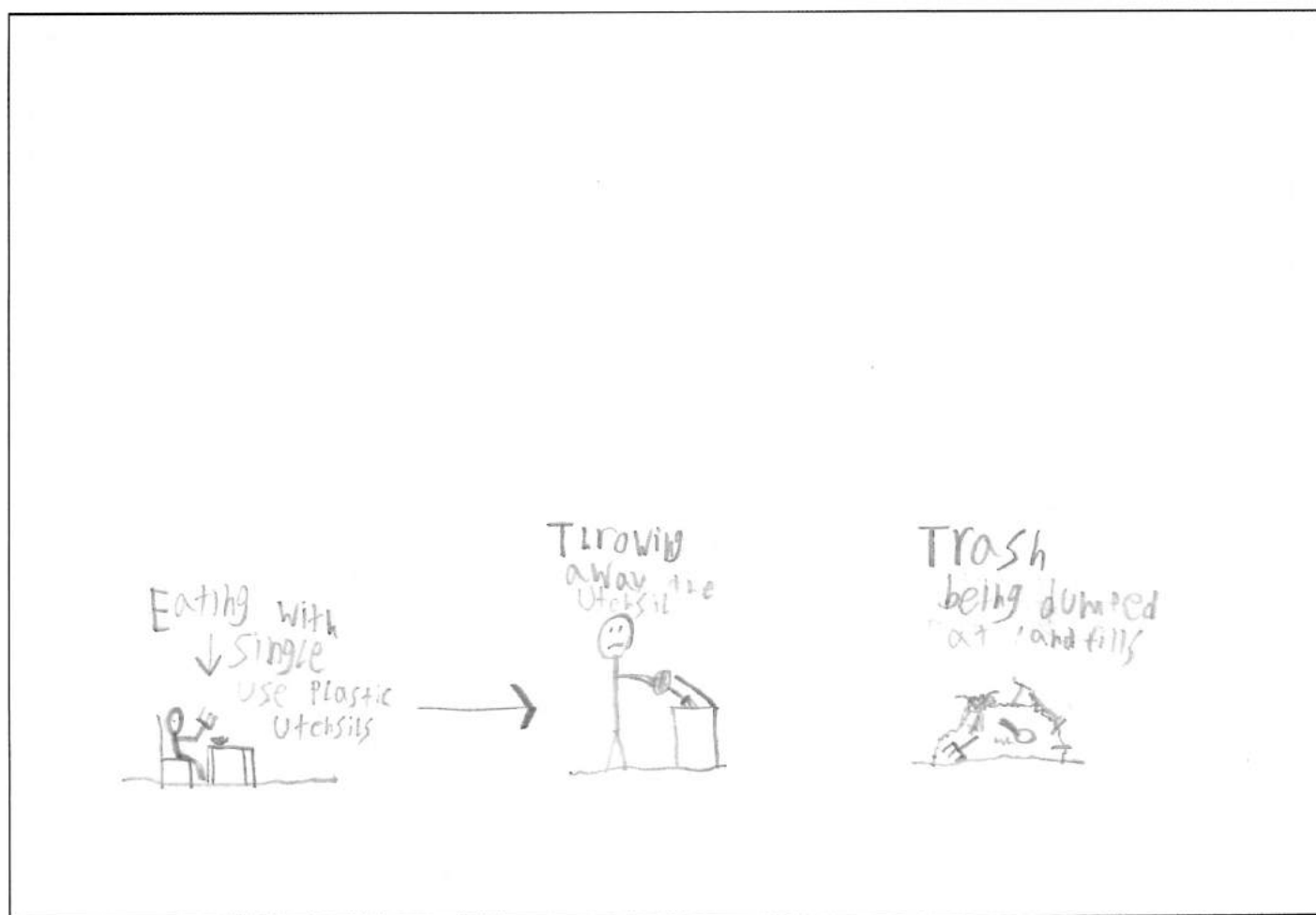
Pierce

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Sebastian Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...



Sincerely,

Sebastian

Date: 10/6/22

Name: Joseph O. Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary K-8

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

I Support a ban on polystyrene because of how long it remains in the environment. Polystyrene along with other plastics what's usefulness last only for a couple hours or day remains in our environment for hundreds to thousands of years. That means even after humanity's destruction our waste and impact on the environment will continue to scar the earth. All life that precedes us even our own children will feel the after effects of our naivety. Even so they're still says we can help reduce the effects of our systems shortcomings, and one of them is this ban.

Sincerely,

Joseph O.

~~Ban~~
Date: 10/7/22

Name: Andrew Age: 12

School: beverly cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

POLYSTYRENE takes hundreds to thousands of years to decompose and it is impossible to recycle or very hard to recycle and if you recycle it it will probably turn back into one of the single use plastics that can't be recycled. I think that you should ban polystyrene because those are just some of the downsides.

Sincerely,

Janine Sollman

Date: 10/7/22

Name: León Age: 12

School: Beverly Clary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

I don't like pollution this stuff stays
around for hundreds of thousands
of years. This ban is necessary
for our survival. Think of the sea
life the turtles and the fish
they are dead because of plastic **BAN**
POLYSTYRENE!

Sincerely,

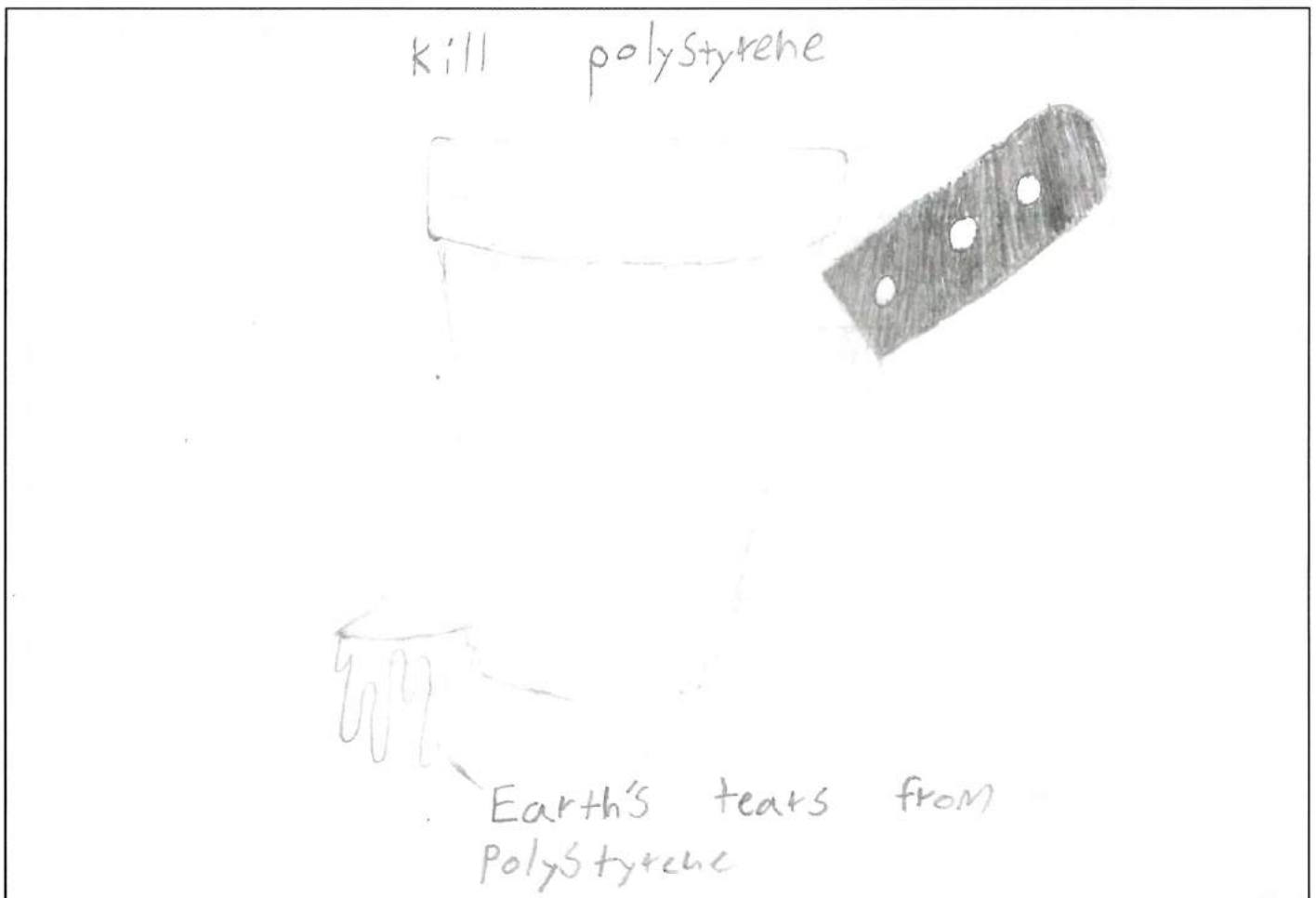
León Valverde

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Calvin J Bash Age: 13

School: Beverly Cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...



Sincerely,

Calvin James

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Sydney Peterson Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary School

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

it is one of the reasons why climate change is happening.
Foam materials like polystyrene are very difficult to recycle
so they usually ends up in landfills or in the environment.
Also polystyrene takes around 500 years to decompose,
thats a long time in the environment! Single use plastic
containers are a waste! Why use a a foam container
thats bad for the earth, when you could use a reusable
container that doesn't contribute to climate change and
destroy the earth. So in the end I think we should
ban polystyrene for food vendors and ban single use plastic
in food service ware.

Sincerely,

Sydney Peterson

Date: 10-7-22

Name: Rhys Age: 12

School: Beverly Cleary School

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

Currently, plastic is hurting Earth, the economy and everything between. Don't forget, most plastics don't fully decompose until a LONG LONG TIME. We are basically just using something once then throwing it away for other people to do the work and sort the waste. This plastic also ends up getting into the ocean, harming innocent animals that mistake it for food and die. I think that banning this, or at least replacing this material will help people reuse and recycle more.

Sincerely,

Rhys Cortez

(Rhys Cortez)

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Thomas McClendon Age: 12

School: BCS

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

Plastics have a useful life for days or hours, but after their use they will decompose after 500 years and can not be recycled. That means if people used a single use container in the 1500's it would still be here today. We use nearly one trillion disposable food products each year in the US alone. These materials are made from fossil fuels which greatly contribute to climate change. There are alternatives that can achieve the same purpose but are not worsening the environment and staying with us for centuries.

Sincerely,

Thomas McClendon

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Olivia Vining Age: 12

School: BEVERLEY CLEARY

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

WHEN I FIRST FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS I DIDN'T
FULLY SUPPORT IT, BUT IVE REALIZED WE DONT
NEED PLASTIC. YES IT MIGHT FIX PROBLEMS BUT
NOT FOR LONG TERM. REASONS WHY WE
SHOULD BAN IT: BAD FOR AIR, VERY FLAMABLE,
HARD TO RECYCLE, BRITTLE, AND BAD CHEMICAL
RESISTANCE.

Sincerely,

Olivia Vining

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Natalie Black Age: 13

School: Beverly Cleary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

I support it because I want to
see our planet healthy and well taken
care of right now our planet is being
trashed and not many people care
just littering and don't care.

I also support food service ware
yes it does help protect the earth
but it is also a very helpfull
for many families since wasting foods with
food service ware.

Sincerely,

Natalie Black

Date: 10/7/22

Name: Julianna Maxfield Age: _____

School: Beverly Cleary School

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

recent findings suggest that we may be eating some of the plastics

that we eat out of. Many disposable single-use plastics easily

break into tiny pieces and eventually make it out to the ocean.

Fish (and maybe even some land animals) eat the plastics by either

mistaking plastic for food, or accidentally eating micro plastics.

Scientists have been constantly finding micro pieces of plastics

in fish. We shouldn't just be concerned about the environment,

(though it is very important) we should also be concerned

about our health.

Sincerely,

Julianna

Date: 10-7-22

Name: Madalyn Cox Age: 13

School: Beverly elementary

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

if you look at our oceans then you

can tell we use way to much plastic. what

we can do to solve this is we can use more

reusable

Sincerely,

Date: L:19A

Name: Lily Archer-No Age: 12

School: beverly Cleary fernwood

I support a ban on polystyrene for food vendors and also a ban on single use plastic in food service ware because...

Its come more and more to my attention

Just how much this can over all effect

humanity and the earth, i've also

learned how much people dont know

about this serious crisis. no offence but

i think instead of teaching about molecules

I think we should be learning much

more about the real life crisis's like this

and muslim rights taken away and the "Pink Tax"

Sincerely,

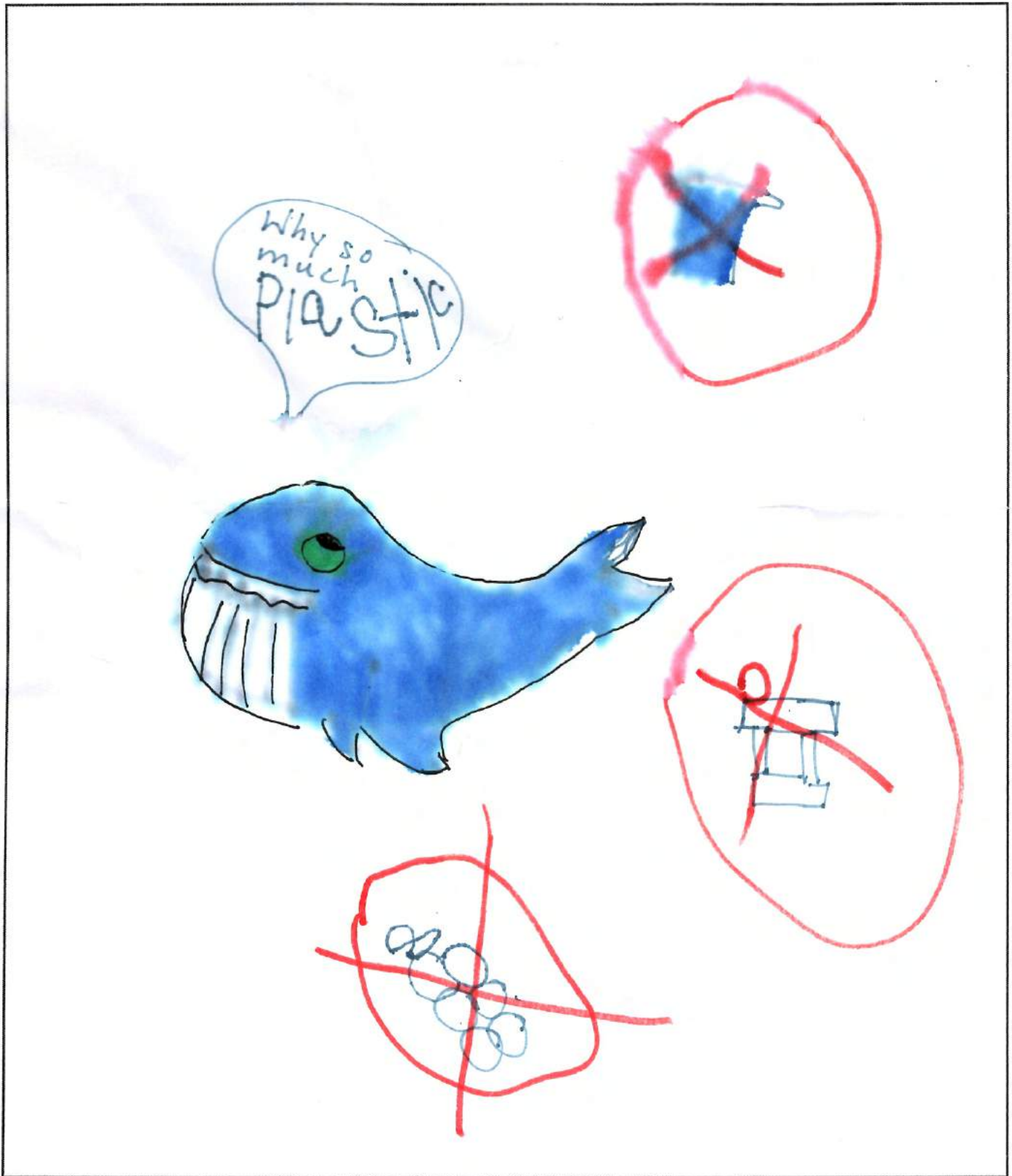
Lily Archer-No

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Name: Cyrus Jacobson

Portland Resident and Bridger Elementary School Community Member

Why I support the ban on polystyrene for food vendors as well as a ban on single use plastics in food service ware:

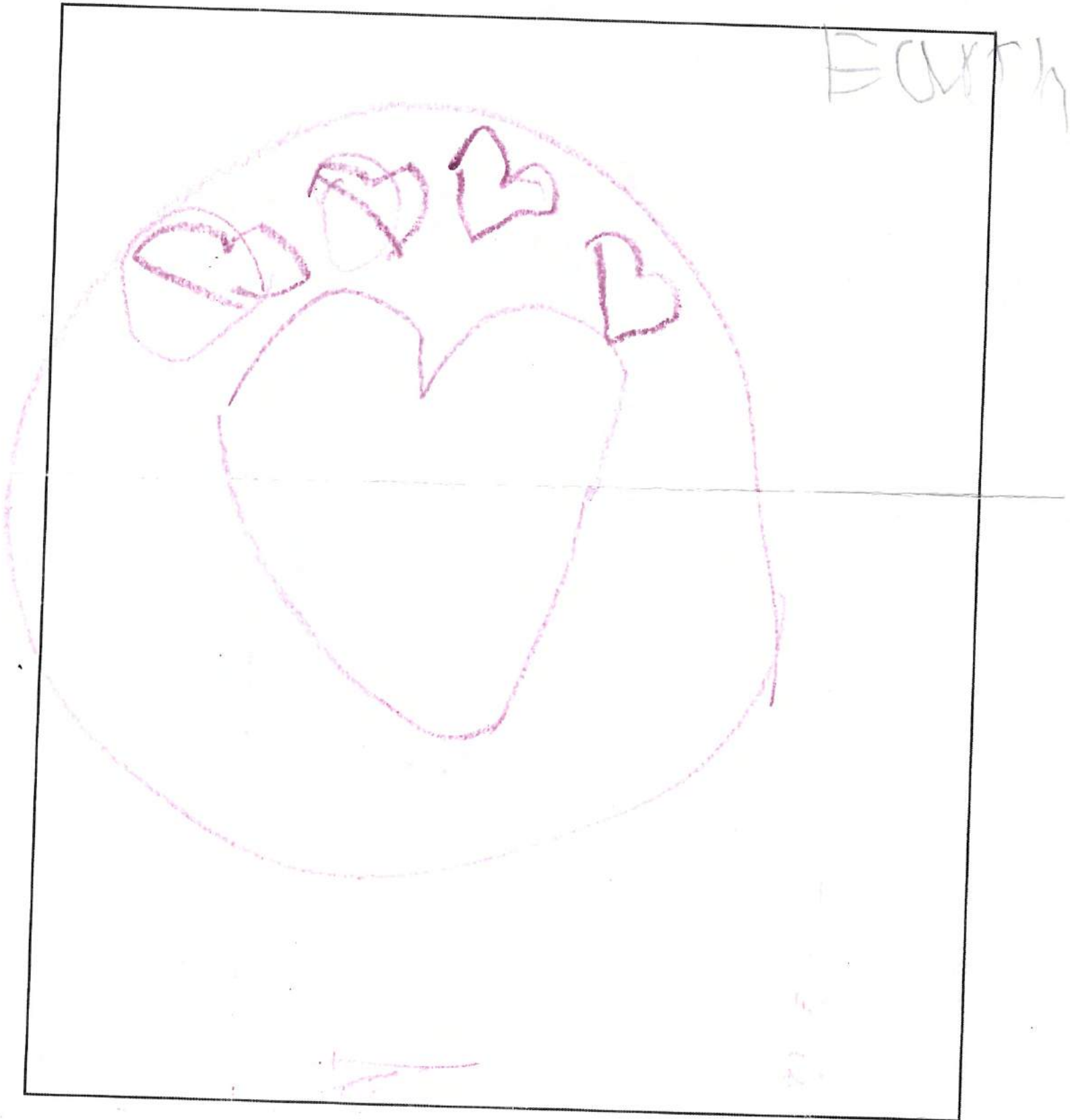


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Name: Hannah

Portland Resident and Bridger Elementary School Community Member

Why I support the ban on polystyrene for food vendors as well as a ban on single use plastics in food service ware:



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Name:

Jamie Jacobson

Portland Resident and Bridger Elementary School Community Member

Why I support the ban on polystyrene for food vendors as well as a ban on single use plastics in food service ware:

I believe that as a voter & a consumer I have a strong voice so I am choosing to support banning single use plastics along with many others in my community. I know that this ban may negatively effect some business owners but our voices as consumers and voters are critical to changing how we think about single use packaging. As we push for change the market for biodegradable materials will grow. We know that plastics longevity is detrimental to our environment and now is time to make a change.

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Name: Quive

Portland Resident and Bridger Elementary School Community Member

Why I support the ban on polystyrene for food vendors as well as a ban on single use plastics in food service ware:



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Name: Wheat

Portland Resident and Bridger Elementary School Community Member

save the earth

Why I support the ban on polystyrene for food vendors as well as a ban on single use plastics in food service ware:

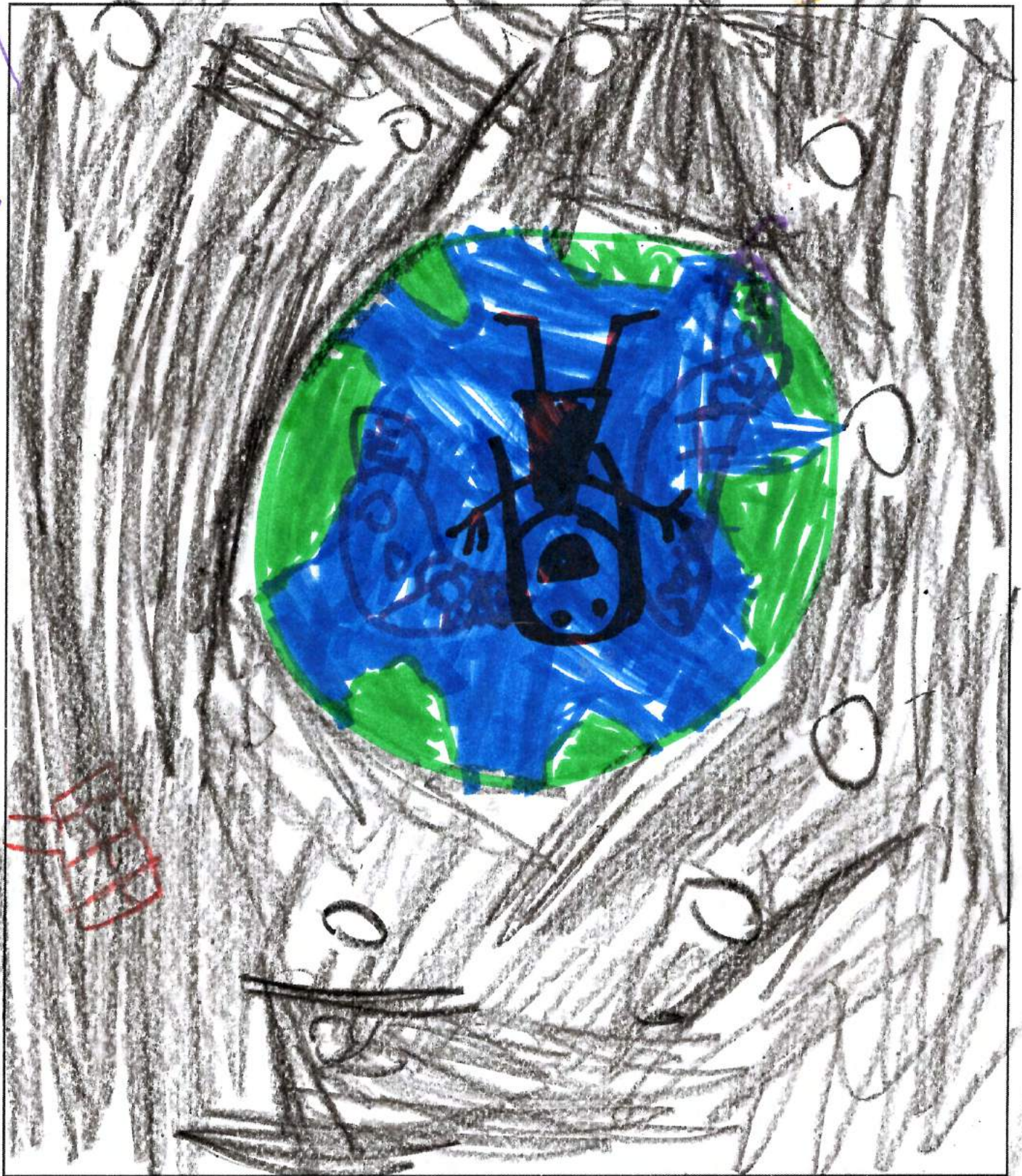


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Name: _____

Portland Resident and Bridger Elementary School Community Member

Why I support the ban on polystyrene for food vendors as well as a ban on single use plastics in food service ware:



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Name: Ban C

Portland Resident and Bridger Elementary School Community Member

Why I support the ban on polystyrene for food vendors as well as a ban on single use plastics in food service ware:

PS doesn't biodegrade, but it does float pretty well — that means it likes to collect on our coasts or in that big pile of garbage in the middle of the Pacific. I hear it's the size of Texas now!

Sept 8, 2022

Name: Fit Murray

Portland Resident and Bridger Elementary School Community Member

Why I support the ban on polystyrene for food vendors as well as a ban on single use plastics in food service ware:

Plastic is killing us. We have to push systems to be different, do what is best for us and our families. Common sense - it's not good for us!

Sept 8, 2022

Name: Danielle Akin

Portland Resident and Bridger Elementary School Community Member

Why I support the ban on polystyrene for food vendors as well as a ban on single use plastics in food service ware:

Because plastic now outweighs fish in our oceans and that feels sad and unsustainable for our planet.