February 14, 2023 Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources 900 Court St. NE Salem OR 97301

SUPPORT SENATE BILL 543, Phasing out polystyrene foodware and PFAS in food packaging

Dear Chair Golden and Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

I am a long time resident of Seaside Oregon and I urge you to support Senate Bill 543, phasing out polystyrene foodware and PFAS in food packaging. I am a frequent beach-walker and I find myself stuffing my pockets with bits and pieces of polystyrene just to keep it away from wildlife. The PFAS chemical with its strong carbon fluorine bond is a contaminant to many common products I understand which makes it dangerous to all us, not just our wildlife.

I do urge you all to take this opportunity to start immediately to phase out the polystyrene and the PFAS in food packaging and not wait.

Please do support SB 543 at this time. I thank you.

Sincerely,

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