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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB543

RE: 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:

Please support Senate Bill 543 that phases out polystyrene foodware and PFAS in food packaging. Polystyrene, or Styrofoam, is not reusable, it is not accepted in curbside recycling, and it litters our downtown, roadways, fields, and beaches, and it is harmful to wildlife.

Wildlife consumes the styrofoam debris bits and it continues throughout the food chain. Styrofoam is not a necessity, it is time to remove it from the supply chain. Portland banned polystyrene in the 1990's. Not only did other cities follow their leadership. Businesses have been doing perfectly okay without polystyrene foodware.

Please support Senate Bill 543. The entire state of Oregon will benefit from the banning of polystyrene foodware and PFAS in food packaging.

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