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I am writing in support of SB 543 as a young girl concerned for her future and the future of the generations to come. Polystyrene containers have been slowly littering our planets oceans, forests, deserts, and turning our worlds most beautiful places into dumps. These polystyrene pieces are so light that they can be easily blown away and into sewers where they will float and be taken into the ocean. Worse yet, these containers don't just quickly bio-degrade, they sit there for 500 years! A study shows that polystyrene containers is the second most abundant form of trash littering the beach. The styrofoam in the ocean will also get eaten by fish who mistake it for food and when we eat those fish the polystyrene transfers into us. Not only does polystyrene affect our ecosystems but also it affects the animals, and us. I want the world to stay clean and green and this is a big way for this to be achieved. I hope that you will all take this bill into deep consideration and chose the path that is right for all of us. Thank you!