Dear Legislator,

We have a plastic problem. Americans throw away millions of polystyrene (the stuff we call styrofoam) cups and containers every day. About a third of plastic waste ends up in our rivers, lakes and oceans. These plastics don't biodegrade, which means they remain intact or break down into smaller pieces. Plastic fragments have been found ingested by literally hundreds of species, including 86 percent of all sea turtles and almost half of all seabird and marine mammal species.

As business and restaurant owners, we're concerned about the negative impacts created by restaurants and fast food chains that use these polystyrene containers.

Fossil fuel companies and plastic manufacturers are fighting to keep producing these harmful products, but we think these products should be banned, and replaced by versions made from more sustainable materials.

That's why we, the undersigned business and restaurant owners support a ban on polystyrene food and beverage containers, and we urge you do so as well.

Sincerely,

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