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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: SB543

I am writing in support of SB543 so that polystyrene containers can be banned in our state. There is more and more information about the health hazards of plastic in the environment, as well as the ecological disaster of widespread plastic pollution. Less than 10% of all plastic in the U.S. is recycled. Literally, tons of plastic make their way to the ocean every minute! And plastic has even been found in human blood. Yet the petrochemical industry is producing more plastic now than ever before. We can do our part by banning polystyrene. We need to stop accepting plastic from the industry. They are actually producing more than the demand. By banning polystyrene, our state is saying NO to plastic production. The food vendors are in favor of this bill also. In addition to the polystyrene ban, this bill bans PFAS on food containers. PFAS has been shown to cause cancer and other illnesses. We cannot continue to put our food in containers that are laced with cancer-causing chemicals. Please vote yes on SB543.
Thank you for your consideration.