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Dear Senators,

A drive down Minnesota today should be all the reason to pass this bill! The amount of plastic trash, a lot of it Styrofoam food containers, that litters our beautiful state is a sad representation of Alaska.

Apart from the fact that it doesn't decay and will lay in the environment or trash heap forever, there are well-documented health reasons for banning its use.

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-020-64464-9>

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/pharmacology-toxicology-and-pharmaceutical-science/styrofoam>

<https://usa.oceana.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2025/04/2025-Plastic-Foam-Report-website-final.pdf>

Even if one does not believe the health risks to humans (and who hasn't reheated their food in a polystyrene container and seen how the plastic puckers and melts into your food), the health impacts to wildlife and oceans have been made very clear. Animal bellies filled with plastics instead of food, entire islands made from plastics such as these that simply break down and eventually get eaten or absorbed by the fish that we then eat. Gross. That's not what you'd want to feed your kids or grandkids.... so do your part to stop this degradation of Alaska and our food chain.

Please vote to support HB 25 and phase out polystyrene foam food containers.

Thank you for your time,

- Nadia Heffernan

