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Letter of Support for HB 25

Dear Members of the Alaska Legislature:

I am writing to express my strong appreciation and support for HB25, a bill prohibiting the use of polystyrene foam disposable food service ware. I am deeply concerned about the problems associated with microplastics that degrade from plastics such as polystyrene in our environment. I applaud the municipalities in Alaska that have approved ordinances to remove these products from their communities; however, this bill would reduce the problems created by the use of these plastics on a statewide basis. This practical and equitable approach is economically viable for businesses around the state as there are many alternative options readily available in the form of biodegradable and compostable products.

This bill would benefit the public in many ways; reducing litter, protecting our environment, and protecting our health from exposure to carcinogenic chemicals that leach from polystyrene. With so many chemicals polluting our environment today, every step we take is one in the right direction toward reducing toxic exposure and restoring public trust in the products we use.

Thank you for your consideration of HB25.

Sincerely,

Sally A. McLaughlin, Mayor of Gustavus