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From: Ragen Davey [REDACTED]
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To: House State Affairs
Subject: Ban Styrofoam in Alaskan restaurants

I support HB 25 as introduced by Representative Josephson and request that you support this necessary bill.

Styrofoam is also harmful as an environmental pollutant. It is lightweight which makes it susceptible to enter into our oceans and other waterways where it can be ingested by fish, seabirds, and marine mammals. It makes up a large percentage of waste mass in landfills, approximately 25-30%. Polystyrene is not recyclable. There **are readily available biodegradable or compostable alternatives to polystyrene**, and many restaurants and businesses have already made the switch. There is really NO EXCUSE to not support this bill.



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From: Cory Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 1:19 PM
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Dear committee,

I urge you to support HB25 to restrict the use of polystyrene in restaurants.

Polystyrene does not biodegrade—it breaks into microplastics that remain in the environment for hundreds of years.

A super majority of Alaskans support state legalization as apart of any and all actions to help limit microplastic invasiveness in our environment and bodies, according to a poll by Alaska Survey Research last summer.

Polystyrene is not recyclable and makes up 25-30% of landfill waste by volume. As local landfill space fills up across Alaska, many communities have already taken steps to limit styrofoam use from Bethel to Seward.

As Alaskan waters, especially in the Artic, become a sink for waste collected from the rest of Alaska and the world, this cannot be a local issue. Change must first happen at the state level with hope it will be a catalyst for change elsewhere.

Our environment, our future generations, need you to champion these incremental changes that will have a significant impact.

Thank you,

Cory Johnson