

IEM Committee

From: Thomas Kronberger <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 8:56 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Support a ban on the use and sale of polystyrene disposable food service containers

Dear Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,

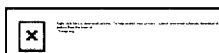
I just signed Pacific Whale Foundation's petition "[Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee: Support a ban on the use and sale of polystyrene disposable food service containers](http://www.change.org/petitions/infrastructure-and-environmental-management-committee-support-a-ban-on-the-use-and-sale-of-polystyrene-disposable-food-service-containers/responses/new?response=8d4ea5a741d8)" on Change.org.

Please support a ban on the use and sale of polystyrene disposable food service containers. Polystyrene is a serious threat to both the environment as well as public health. Commonly used in cheap food ware (plates, cups, 'clamshells', etc), polystyrene does not biodegrade and is responsible for leaching carcinogenic chemicals into food and the surrounding environment. Polystyrene has long been known to be detrimental to the environment, and is often spotted as unwelcome litter both on land and in water, due to its lightweight nature and disposability. In fact, McDonald's stopped using polystyrene containers for their hamburgers as far back as 1990. More and more cities across the country are banning the material, including Miami Beach, which just passed a ban on all Styrofoam products on July 24th. Made from petroleum, polystyrene products are never fully biodegraded and are made from a nonrenewable, rapidly disappearing resource. Their manufacture consumes much energy, and it is difficult to recycle the material. When polystyrene products make it to the ocean, they become harmful marine debris that is dangerous to ocean animals. Polystyrene products are not only dangerous for marine life; they pose a health risk to humans as well. In 2011, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services listed styrene as a substance "reasonably anticipated to be a carcinogen". Polystyrene food containers, often received with take-out orders or hot beverages, can leach this toxin when in contact with hot foods or liquids. Compostable products are an economically viable and eco-friendly alternative to polystyrene. These products are non-toxic, plant-based and carried by every distributor in Hawai'i. Bills such as a ban on polystyrene food containers are important in reducing our dependency on single use plastics, while also improving environmental and public health.

Sincerely,
Thomas Kronberger Wien, Austria

There are now 38 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Pacific Whale Foundation by clicking here:

<http://www.change.org/petitions/infrastructure-and-environmental-management-committee-support-a-ban-on-the-use-and-sale-of-polystyrene-disposable-food-service-containers/responses/new?response=8d4ea5a741d8>



IEM Committee

From: tuan hauptmann <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 12:12 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Support a ban on polystyrene food service containers

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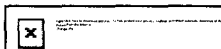
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Sincerely,
tuan hauptmann Portland, Oregon

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From: Adam Weber <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 5:29 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: 5 new petition signatures: Adam Weber, David Wolf...

5 new people recently signed Surfrider Foundation: Maui Chapter's petition "[Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee: Support a ban on polystyrene food service containers](#)" on Change.org.

There are now 60 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Surfrider Foundation: Maui Chapter by clicking here:

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Sincerely,

60. Adam Weber Hood River, Oregon
59. David Wolf Kula, Hawaii
58. Aislinn Clevenger Wailuku, Hawaii
57. Edward Laurson Denver, Colorado
56. Mother Nature Franklville, New Jersey



IEM Committee

From: Ainsley Dineen <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 1:23 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: 5 new petition signatures: Ainsley Dineen, Andie Rose...

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60. Ainsley Dineen , Australia
59. Andie Rose Pacifica, California
58. Edward Laurson Denver, Colorado
57. Katherine Fierro East Los Angeles, California
56. Todd Snyder San Francisco, California



IEM Committee

From: Todd Snyder <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 7:02 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: 5 new petition signatures: Todd Snyder, Cilandria Arnett...

5 new people recently signed Surfrider Foundation: Maui Chapter's petition "[Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee: Support a ban on polystyrene food service containers](#)" on Change.org.

There are now 55 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Surfrider Foundation: Maui Chapter by clicking here:

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Sincerely,

55. Todd Snyder San Francisco, California

54. Cilandria Arnett Wailuku, Hawaii

53. JOHN RICHARD YOUNG East Norriton Township, Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pennsylvania

52. Faith Ewbank Kula, Hawaii

51. Laurie Pyle Kihei, Hawaii



IEM Committee

From: Cassandra Maria Gardner <love@lightweavingjoy.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 10:24 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: IEM-5 POLYSTYRENE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS

Dear Council Members,
Aloha! Please ban Styrofoam containers on Maui!

Mahalo Nui Loa,
Patricia Gardner

PO Box 624
Haiku, HI 96708
(808) 572.7950
love@lightweavingjoy.com

To: City Council of Maui

I am writing on behalf of the learning that the County is considering banning foam containers from restaurants. This bill would cost my restaurant a lot of money to switch to compostable materials. Please reconsider on passing this bill

Anne Mahumoto - Restaurant Mahe

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IEM Committee

From: Tami Lester <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 11:28 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: 5 new petition signatures: Tami Lester, Gail Falkenbury...

5 new people recently signed Surfrider Foundation: Maui Chapter's petition "[Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee: Support a ban on polystyrene food service containers](http://www.change.org/p/infrastructure-and-environmental-management-committee-support-a-ban-on-polystyrene-food-service-containers)" on Change.org.

There are now 125 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Surfrider Foundation: Maui Chapter by clicking here:

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Sincerely,

125. Tami Lester Haiku, Hawaii
124. Gail Falkenbury Lahaina, Hawaii
123. Rick Wilson Oceanside, California
121. Gayleen Idica Wailuku, Hawaii
120. christina vicari Honolulu, Hawaii



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From: Alan Roach <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 3:05 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: 5 new petition signatures: Alan Roach, Amaya Deniz...

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Sincerely,

100. Alan Roach Portage, Wisconsin
99. Amaya Deniz Saint Paul, Minnesota
98. susan DAULTON Burnside, Kentucky
97. Victoria Farrer Lahaina, Hawaii
96. david mcchesney provincetown, Massachusetts



IEM Committee

From: Andrew O'Riordan <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 7:57 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: 5 new petition signatures: Andrew O'Riordan, Miranda Kawaiola...

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Sincerely,

65. Andrew O'Riordan Lahaina, Hawaii
64. Miranda Kawaiola Kihei, Hawaii
63. Jack Clapper Lahaina, Hawaii
61. Tim Lara Kihei, Hawaii
60. Adam Weber Hood River, Oregon



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From: Brad Thomas <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 5:39 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: 5 new petition signatures: Brad Thomas, Lianne Lish...

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Sincerely,

110. Brad Thomas Warren, Michigan
109. Lianne Lish Lemon Grove, California
108. Christina Moorhouse Rochester, New York
107. Rene Lauer Wheaton, Illinois
106. Annelise Rigsbee Rochester, New York



IEM Committee

From: christina vicari <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 9:34 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: 5 new petition signatures: christina vicari, Holly Kersten...

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120. christina vicari Honolulu, Hawaii
119. Holly Kersten Kailua-Kona, Hawaii
118. Daniel O'Brien Kihei, Hawaii
117. Debbie Hollomon Lahaina, Hawaii
116. Robi Campbell Kihei, Hawaii



IEM Committee

From: Concerned Citizen <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 2:31 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: 5 new petition signatures: Concerned Citizen, Tiffanie Roher...

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85. Concerned Citizen New City, New York
84. Tiffanie Roher Newville, Pennsylvania
83. Christopher Jones Aberdeen, Maryland
82. Dewey Berry Darlington, Maryland
81. Kelly Sullivan Wailuku, Hawaii



IEM Committee

From: JASON HALL <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 3:58 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: 5 new petition signatures: JASON HALL, Valarie Honn...

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105. JASON HALL Makawao, Hawaii
104. Valarie Honn Fullerton, California
103. Michael Pastore Lisle, Illinois
102. Marchioness Harrold Kentwood, Michigan
101. Mr. Evans Clovis, California



IEM Committee

From: Jennifer Hess <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 12:37 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: 5 new petition signatures: Jennifer Hess, James Bryner...

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80. Jennifer Hess Pittsford, New York
79. James Bryner Kihei, Hawaii
77. Nicole Bear Lahaina, Hawaii
76. carrie demott Lahaina, Hawaii
75. Kyle Ellison Lahaina, Hawaii



IEM Committee

From: Kyle Ellison <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 10:17 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: 5 new petition signatures: Kyle Ellison, Lisa Bright...

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Sincerely,

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74. Lisa Bright KIHEI, Hawaii
73. Kat Tracy Haiku-Pauwela, Hawaii
72. Diane Markham Paia, Hawaii
71. LEIGH FITZGERALD LAHAINA, Hawaii



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From: lorraine kais <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 8:22 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: 5 new petition signatures: lorraine kais, John Fitzpatrick...

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114. John Fitzpatrick Kihei, Hawaii
113. Tracey Harrap Paia, Hawaii
112. brian murphy Maui, Hawaii
111. cindi Daigle Wailuku, Hawaii



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From: Philip August <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 8:51 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: 5 new petition signatures: Philip August, Johanna Valente...

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66. Dawn Hudson Paia, Hawaii
65. Andrew O'Riordan Lahaina, Hawaii
64. Miranda Kawaiola Kihei, Hawaii



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From: Richard Han <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 2:51 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: 5 new petition signatures: Richard Han, TAMARA CHURCH...

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88. Gabriel Godwyne Putney, Vermont
87. Alicia Ogburn Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
86. ana de luco brooklyn, New York



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From: Yensi Henriquez <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 2:55 AM
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Subject: 5 new petition signatures: david mcchesney, Yensi Henriquez...

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95. Yensi Henriquez Passaic, New Jersey
94. patti whipple Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
93. Diane Arnal St. George, Utah
92. Tara proulx Haverhill, Massachusetts



IEM Committee

From: Lexi Guynn <alexisapchapman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2014 12:10 PM
To: IEM Committee
Cc: laurenzirbel@gmail.com
Subject: IEM-5 Testimony from HFIA
Attachments: HFIA testimony_Maui IEM-5_oppose_11.17.14.doc

Testimony on IEM-5 from the Hawaii Food Industry Association is attached.

Thank you.



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TO: INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: November 17, 2014
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chamber, 8th Floor, 200 South High Street, Wailuku, Hawaii

RE: IEM-5 POLYSTYRENE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 20.26, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO POLYSTYRENE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS"

Position: Opposition

The Hawaii Food Industry Association is comprised of two hundred member companies representing retailers, suppliers, producers and distributors of food and beverage related products in the State of Hawaii.

While we realize that this measure is not currently up for a vote we feel that it is important that the Food Industry, which will be widely affected by this measure, continue to participate in the ongoing discussion on this issue. In addition to the findings presented by the task force today we ask that the Committee consider our testimony below when determining whether and how to move forward.

HFIA is in opposition to this measure, as it is a mandate on businesses that will increase costs for consumers and provide no upside for the environment, as Maui County does not have a commercial composting facility. Consumers are already being asked to pick up a twelve-fold increase in cost due to the recent plastic bag ban. Please do not pass on this additional cost to consumers. Instead, allow consumer demand and behavior to change product offerings.

Biodegradable products are much more expensive than polystyrene options. However, biodegradable products, under our current system of waste disposal will meet the same end as polystyrene. Both compostable and polystyrene options will not biodegrade in modern landfills. Landfills are designed to protect the environment from the liquids and gases produced by reducing the exposure of garbage to air, water and sunlight – conditions essential for degradation. Without an investment in commercial composting facilities, this increased cost for food establishments and consumers will result in negligible environmental benefits.

Not one county in Hawaii has a commercial composting facility where these products can be sent to compost. Most of the trash debris seen on beaches is the result of haphazard disposal of waste from all over the world and on the seas, which are brought here by ocean currents. Many products do not biodegrade which is why waste management is such an important issue. It is unreasonable to try to ban all products that do not biodegrade.

Hundreds of jobs may be eliminated if the council continues to threaten this locally produced, favorably priced, FDA approved product.

The market is creating its own commercially viable and money generating solutions to the problem, solutions which don't put people out of work or force the market to act in premature ways, but instead generate jobs and profit for government and private enterprise. These solutions are especially promising given the need for energy sustainability, especially in Hawaii, and given the rising cost of fuel. Technology is now available and widely used in Japan to turn plastics into high-grade diesel fuel. On Oahu, H-POWER recycles plastics and other trash into energy.

While polystyrene is a petroleum byproduct, it is also a resource. It is currently being recycled in Kalihi on a small scale, and is becoming a major recyclable resource in schools on the Mainland. In fact, more than 57 million pounds of packaging were recycled in 2004. Also, in accordance with EPA priorities, polystyrene manufacturers have placed precedence on source reduction and reuse as well as recycling, locally here in Hawaii as well as nationally.

Looking at this from a resource conservation prospective, source reduction is much more effective than recycling. According to Franklin and Associates, in order for polystyrene packaging and disposables' recycling efforts to save as much energy as the 408 million pounds source reduced in 1997, a recycling rate of 51% would have to be achieved. On a side note, we invite all council members to visit KYD, Inc. (K. Yamada Distributors) manufacturing and recycling facility in Kalihi to see how they are reusing leftover production materials.

There are very real concerns associated with the manufacturing of biodegradable packaging, as *Smithsonian Magazine* put forth in 2006, stating that biodegradable alternatives have considerable drawbacks that haven't been publicized. One drawback is that the cultivation of corn requires more nitrogen fertilizer, more herbicides and more insecticides than any other U.S. crop, and that practice contributes to soil erosion and water pollution when nitrogen runs off fields into streams and rivers. One must acknowledge the environmental trade-offs associated with the use of any packaging material and whether a mandate to use one particular type of container or product will have the desired result of reducing litter and/or marine debris.

All foodservice products – regardless of the material from which they are made – require the use of various natural resources, i.e. energy, water, etc. A 2006 Life Cycle Inventory study by Franklin and Associates showed that polystyrene, when compared to other food service containers, is very efficient in terms of minimizing air emissions and energy used in the manufacturing process and in reducing the amount of waterborne waste generated during the manufacturing process.

This bill makes the false assumption that products that would replace polystyrene are somehow manufactured in a vacuum without the use of any raw materials, energy, or water, or fuel to deliver the product. This is especially important considering many bio-degradable options are produced in China where labor, quality and environmental standards are known to be well below the labor, quality and environmental standards practiced in plants which produce polystyrene on the island of Oahu.

We should consider the carbon footprint of shipping supplies from China, especially given that we have a more

economically viable product produced right here in Hawaii, providing hundreds of jobs to the community.

The FDA, Health Canada and Environment Canada concluded extensive studies that polystyrene is "non-toxic" and that styrene "does not constitute a danger to human life and health" and "does not constitute a danger to the environment on which human life depends."

It appears that the effective date is backdated, we feel this is not an appropriate amount of time for businesses to comply with this law, especially considering that the definitions are unclear and we have no idea which products would qualify under this bill. The definitions used for biodegradable will be impossible to enforce as there is no standard associated with them and the department will have no idea which products qualify and which products do not. The definition of compostable does not work for Hawaii because we don't have a commercial composting facility, so technically no product would qualify. **How can we comply with the definition for compostable, "means all materials that comprise a disposable food service container are able to undergo biological decomposition or become part of the usable compost, in a safe and timely manner in an appropriate composting program or facility, or in a home compost pile or device....," when there is no compost facility where products could break down in a timely manner?**

From 1999 to 2002, a 12 member international expert panel selected by the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis conducted a comprehensive review of potential health risks associated with workplace and environmental exposure to styrene. The scientists had expertise in toxicology, epidemiology, medicine, risk analysis, pharmacokinetics, and exposure assessment. The complete findings were published in the Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health (referenced below).

The Harvard study reported that styrene is naturally present in food such as strawberries, beef, and spices, and is naturally produced in the processing of foods such as wine and cheese. The study noted that "federal regulations also permit low concentrations of styrene in food" as an additive.

The scientists reviewed all of the published data on the quantity of styrene contributed to the diet due to migration from food contact packaging. The scientists concluded that there is no cause for concern from exposure to styrene from food or from polystyrene used in food contact applications, such as packaging and foodservice containers.

Reference: "A Comprehensive Evaluation of the Potential Health Risks Associated with Occupational and Environmental Exposure to Styrene", Harvard Center for Risk Analysis, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA (Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health, Volume 5, Number 1-2, January – June 2002, published quarterly by Taylor & Francis.) Findings also were published in the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis's Risk in Perspective.

For all of these reasons we would ask that this bill be held.

Thank you so much for your time and for the opportunity to testify.

IEM Committee

From: Aloha Natural Brokers <anb@maui.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 10:53 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Please Ban Polystyrene Containers

Aloha County Council members,

Thank you for your continued service to our community and congratulations on all your re-election victories. I am writing to encourage you to support the ban of polystyrene takeout containers. I am proud of Maui for taking a stand against plastic bags at supermarkets and hope we can make the same positive change by banning non-recycleable or compostable plastic containers from restaurants. We need to reduce the amount of solid waste entering the landfill and ocean and this initiative could make a huge difference.

Thanks,
Arianna
Pukalani Resident, Tax Payer and VOTER!

Aloha Natural Brokers, Inc.
Arianna Feinberg
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IEM Committee

From: Emma White <emmaharberwhite@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 11:14 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Lets be leaders- ban styrofoam on Maui

Aloha,

Growing up on beaches of Ewa, I saw firsthand the damage styrofoam brought. The beaches were clogged with styrofoam and this damaged the health of animals, people, and our tourist economy that needs a beautiful, clean island to thrive.

We have an opportunity to take the lead on a ban that will leave a cleaner and safer world for our keiki. Further, there are numerous alternatives to styrofoam containers that consumers will happily pay the difference for. In other places with such a ban, this has proven to be the case.

I urge you to be on the right side of history for our keiki and ban styrofoam in Maui County.

Mahalo nui,

Emma White, JD, MA
Kahului

IEM Committee

From: Jennifer Frey <jenniferjfrey@mail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 1:54 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Please stop

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Aloha,

I am writing to help spread the word about the use of styrofoam containers and the damage they cause.

Aside from styrofoam being unhealthy (leftovers heated in styrofoam releases chemicals that are then ingested into the body), improper disposal of any kind of styrofoam container causes an environmental hazard. Styrofoam is lightweight and is carried out to sea with just the slightest of breezes. It floats and travels miles out to sea, eventually taking on enough water to sink, where innocent sea life ingests these containers. This stuff does not digest and can cause gastronomic pain and even death.

The containers that don't drift out to sea remain on the land, blowing into trees, gathering on the side of the road, and on the beaches where it is unsightly at the very least. If they eventually do end up in a landfill, there they will sit, forever.

This material just is not safe for anyone... it serves no purpose. There are so many alternatives to this useless and destructive material.

I urge any business owners to please consider these facts. The environment and your customers will appreciate this change. Consumers are conscientious these days and will choose one business over another for their responsible choices.

Might I add that I am an archaeologist here on Maui and I personally have dug up trash that has been underground for 50 years. I see this every day, glass, plastic, rubber, tin cans, etc... this stuff simply does not just "go away"... it's there forever. Is that the legacy you want for your business? Please think about this.

Mahalo
Jennifer J. Frey

IEM Committee

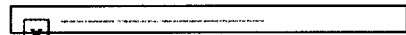
From: Nicole Schroeter <nicole@risingsunsolar.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 12:33 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Please phase out polystyrene containers on Maui

Aloha Maui County Council Members,

I am in support of legislation that would phaseout polystyrene containers in Maui County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo,
Nicole Schroeter



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IEM Committee

From: Petar Kovacic <petarsk8@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 9:06 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: I support the styrofoam ban!

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I strongly support of a phaseout of polystyrene containers!
I am proud of our county single use plastic bag ban.
This is a progressive, intelligent, forward-thinking initiative.

Aloha- be with the breath of life...

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IEM Committee

From: Rick Jacobs <rickknowstheropes@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 12:40 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Styrofoam ban...

Please help drive this...there is no worst material and can't be recycled in any way! Even the Gazebo restaurant up by us tries to use the new style 'take out' recyclable boxes. But then they have TONS of Styrofoam cups they use for waiting customers. Overflowing trash causes it to blow into the ocean. I personally retrieve large volumes of this waste from all my favorite beaches up here on west Maui.

THANK YOU!!!

Rick and Micki Jacobs
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From: Tanya Helekahi <t.helekahi@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 2:55 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: styrofoam

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Dear Maui County Council:

Please support the phaseout of polystyrene containers!

We see so many bags of garbage each day in Hana go in the landfill from the restaurants/food stands. They are always blowing out of people's vehicles and landing on roadsides and at the beach. I know it's worse in the bigger centers island wide.

It is such a horribly toxic material that never fully breaks down... it's beyond awful for our environment and for us!

Mahalo for your consideration,

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Tanya Helekahi

IEM Committee

From: Dawn Taylor <dawnttaylor@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 7:48 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Phase out styrofoam

For the aina and for the environment !
Please!!! I support this !!!
Dawn Hudson
Paia, Hawaii

Sent from my iPhone

IEM Committee

From: Jennifer Nill <jen.harvey.81@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 11:34 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Styrofoam

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a concerned Maui citizen who supports removing Styrofoam from our beautiful land. When we use items, they don't just disappear. Even if we throw them away they are still a part of our world. Styrofoam is unsightly, unsafe for humans and animals, and it just stays around. I've been a part of many different volunteer clean-up crews as well as picking up trash on my own. It would be better for all of us to stop using this material when we have so many other options. It is not as expensive as you think.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this email.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Nill, BSN, RN
DNP Student

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