

## IEM Committee

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**From:** Courtney Bruch <mail@changemail.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 1:09 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Support a ban on polystyrene food service containers

Dear Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,

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

Please support a ban on polystyrene food service containers. Polystyrene foam products are bad for human health and the environment: \* Polystyrene does not biodegrade, but instead breaks down into micro-plastics that are often consumed by seabirds and other marine animals; \* Polystyrene products are more than 90% air, causing them to break apart easily and litter waterways or blow out to sea; \* Polystyrene products are made from styrene, a known carcinogen and neurotoxin that leaches into hot, greasy food; \* According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 100% of Americans have styrene in their bodies. \* Polystyrene foam products are the most toxic and least recycled (less than 1%) type of plastic; \* The resources and energy to make 1 polystyrene container could make 3 compostable containers; Compostable products are an economical and eco-friendly alternative to polystyrene. They are non-toxic, plant-based and carried by every distributor in Hawai'i. To date, there have been no documented cases of restaurants or food providers going out of business because of these bans. Maui County's environment and community would greatly benefit from a ban on polystyrene food containers. Thank you for supporting this important initiative!

Sincerely,  
Courtney Bruch Makawao, Hawaii

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



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**From:** Dale Nelson-Floto <mail@changemail.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 11:40 PM  
**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](#)" 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,  
Dale Nelson-Floto Kihei, Hawaii

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**From:** david balfour <davidbal4@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 9:22 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Polystyrene Food Containers

Let us continue to do what's best for our beautiful Island by banning polystyrene food containers. We were successful banning plastic bags and this is simply the next logical step. This household supports the ban.

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In peace and friendship,  
David

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**From:** David Johnston <mail@changemail.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 8:28 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
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David Johnston Puunene, Hawaii

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**From:** Denise Key <mail@changemail.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 2:37 PM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
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Denise Key Kihei, Hawaii

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**From:** Denise Key <denisekey@live.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 3:04 PM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** IEM-5 POLYSTYRENE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS

Aloha Council Members

Big Mahalos to Committee Chair Elle Cochran and Council member Michael Victorino, who introduced the bill to ban the use and sale of polystyrene disposable food service containers

### **IEM-5 POLYSTYRENE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE**

**As a Maui Resident I am constantly picking up plastic and polystyrene from our beaches and our oceans.**

**It is our responsibility to all the island people as well as visitors that come to our islands to provide them with ocean and Aina, (Land), conscious containers. They come to paradise and a nature conscious island is expected!**

**I have personally found that many restaurant owners, when asked to change to an environmentally friendly "to-go" containers, do switch!**

**I support this bill and all efforts to return our environment to a healthy standard.**

There are biodegradable containers for restaurants to use that will be cost effective now.

As I write this I realize this is a strange choice of words, cost effective, for how and when do we measure cost effective?

Is it monthly bottom line or our responsibility to 7 generations to come?

Yes, we stopped using plastic bags, now let's broaden our consciousness to polystyrene and all derivatives of materials that will harm us, the land, and our future...

In appreciation for your support and wisdom for 7 generations to come.

Make us proud!

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Denise Key

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**From:** Dennis Kaplan <mail@changemail.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 4:09 AM  
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Sincerely,  
Dennis Kaplan Mayfield Heights, Ohio

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**From:** donna rolens <donnaboat@webtv.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 3:46 PM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** IEM-5 Polystyrene disposable food service containers

Thank you for your time considering this important bill

We citizens all know how detrimental thousands of polystyrene containers used daily in Maui are for our land, our water -- our future

PLEASE help --- Let's find BETTER ways --- We can HELP with that by BANNING these items

Sincerely,  
Donna Rolens  
Beach Trash Collector  
760 So Kihei Rd #511  
Kihei, Hi. 96753

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**From:** Elizabeth Parker <elizrose808@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 10:06 PM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** polystyrene

I am a consultant for the nutrition industry and as such have worked with many formulators investigating the use of plastic containers. I am attaching a full article herein which documents 100% absorption by humans, and including 75% of fetal samples. Styrene has been shown to cause neurotoxic symptoms. The metabolites of styrene are mandelic acid, a known mutagen, and styrene oxide, a known carcinogen. According to a Foundation for Achievements in Science and Education fact sheet, long term exposure to small quantities of styrene can cause neurotoxic (fatigue, nervousness, difficulty sleeping), hematological (low platelet and hemoglobin values), cytogenetic (chromosomal and lymphatic abnormalities), and carcinogenic effects.

Cups actually lose weight when a liquid is contained in them. Cups with tea and lemon show the most marked weight loss.

There is no doubt, since studies in 1986 that styrene found in polystyrene which makes Styrofoam cups is dangerous to health of prenatal babies through adults. Please ban the use of Styrofoam.

<http://www.ejnet.org/plastics/polystyrene/health.html>

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Elizabeth Rose

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**From:** Jane Pattee <janepattee@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 1:57 PM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** PLEASE PASS THIS BILL!

For years I have cringed every time I see the piles of polystyrene containers in the fast food and restaurants I frequent....I have even started to bring my own recyclable containers for orders and left overs...But we need an island wide policy...like the plastic bags...we will adjust and be fine without them.....PLEASE PASS THIS BILL ....IEM-5 ....It just makes sense!! Jane Pattee...property owner and island lover!!

*Jane H. Pattee, Realtor*

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**From:** Janet Schoenhaus <j.schoenhaus@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 7:31 PM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** IEM-5Polystyrene

To whom it may concern:

Styrofoam containers have been eliminated in many places. I hope we can spare marine life from its toxins and keep something from being in landfills for centuries. Perhaps ordering large quantities will help keep the price down

My friends and I only eat at places who care enough to use recyclable packaging in their to go containers.

Thank you for your kind consideration

Janet Schoenhaus  
[.schoenhaus@gmail.com](mailto:j.schoenhaus@gmail.com)

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**From:** jenifer narragon <mail@changemail.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 5:21 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Support a ban on polystyrene food service containers

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Sincerely,  
jenifer narragon Honolulu, Hawaii

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**From:** Jenna Kohler <mail@changemail.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 6:26 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
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Sincerely,  
Jenna Kohler Paia, Hawaii

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**From:** Jennifer Karaca <mail@changemail.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 8:02 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
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Sincerely,  
Jennifer Karaca West Richland, Washington

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**From:** Jessica Brant <mail@changemail.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 12:28 PM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
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Sincerely,  
Jessica Brant Kula, Hawaii

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**From:** Jonathan Starr <kalepa@maui.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 2:02 PM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Cc:** Starr Jonathan  
**Subject:** referencing IEM-5

Testimony of Jonathan Starr regarding the Propsed Ban on Polystyrene Food Containers

July 27, 2014

Dear Chairwoman Cochran,

Vice Chairwoman Crivello,

Honorable Members of the

Maui County Council Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,

and Committee Staff.

I wish to express my compliments and appreciation to the Committee, particularly to the Chair and the Introducer, Councilman Mike Victorino, for crafting and bringing forward a Bill to ban polstyrene food containers in Maui County.

Please move this item forward expeditiously, as it will be a signifigant step towards protecting our environment and reduciing loads on our waste stream as well as our shoreline resources and natural areas.

Well Done, Councilmembers.

Mahalo,

Jonathan Starr

[Kalepa@maui.net](mailto:kalepa@maui.net)

Kalepa, Kaupo, Maui

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Sincerely,  
Joseph Kohn MD Wailuku, Hawaii

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Sincerely,  
Julia Cordi Kihei, Hawaii

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**From:** Kasey Carlson <mail@changemail.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 8:20 AM  
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Sincerely,  
Kasey Carlson San Pedro, California

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**From:** Lacey Levitt <mail@changemail.org>  
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Sincerely,  
Lacey Levitt Baltimore, Maryland

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## **IEM Committee**

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**From:** idlisl@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 6:50 PM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** IEM-5 POLYSTYRENE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS

ALOHA!

I'm a relatively new resident on the beautiful island of Maui, I moved here last year. The first time I came to Maui I was amazed by all the beauty this island presents to the people who live here and the tourists who travel from all around the world. I consider myself one of the luckiest people who can stay and live here and who can say that my home is on Maui, every day we can enjoy its beauty! However, I noticed that there are problems that have to be considered and need immediate attention and action.

A couple of weeks ago I was snorkeling on the Olowalu beach where one of the beautiful coral reefs of the island is located. As I snorkeled out to see the amazing corals I had to pass some brown, spoiled coral that are closer to the shore. I saw a lot of trash and waste there such as disposal food container floating at the bottom of the ocean. It was very disturbing and mental picture of it just stuck in my mind... I was thinking how many years have to pass that this waste will be disintegrated? We are all responsible for this! "It's important for us to take concrete actions towards helping to de-polute our water especially through the awareness of where our trash goes. This is one of the main issues in the world today" (Shri Prem Baba)

I feel that it is time for me personally to take an action and that is why I want to testify and request a ban to be placed on using and selling POLYSTYRENE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS.

Thank you,  
Larisa Idlis

## IEM Committee

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**From:** Laszlo Kurucz <mail@changemail.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 5:35 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](#)" 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,  
Laszlo Kurucz Lake Forest, California

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<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**

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**From:** Marianne Callari <mcallari@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 1:11 PM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Styrofoam bill

*Dear Maui County,*

*I support the decision to ban Styrofoam containers just like we have done with the plastic bag law that has passed here on Maui. We truly need to move into a no waste island. Not incinerators, lets move toward illuminating anything we can't recycle, clean air and water needs to be a priority for our island.*

*Thank you,*

*Marianne and Gary Callari*

## **IEM Committee**

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**From:** mjs3@fastmail.fm  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 9:52 PM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** IEM-5 POLYSTYRENE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS

Dear Sirs:

Please ban Styrofoam containers on Maui! These are toxic to our birds and marine life. They do not degrade in landfills for many years.

Good substitutes that are environmentally friendly do exist. Please consider our environment and animal life.

Thank you,  
Mary Sherritt  
Mary Sherritt  
Phone / NEW fax 626.389.4953, 877.716.3488, fax is option 2  
Sovereign and StarSeed / Crystal  
Want a Private Charitable Foundation? [www.myfoundation.net](http://www.myfoundation.net)  
Fund your Humanitarian Project! [www.prosperityprojects.org](http://www.prosperityprojects.org)  
"We are both magnificently blessed and fully responsible." Anonymous  
Opt out? Please click Reply and type "No" in Subject. Thank you.

## IEM Committee

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**From:** Maxwell Bruch <mail@changemail.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 8:36 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Support a ban on polystyrene food service containers

Dear Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,

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Sincerely,  
Maxwell Bruch Bellevue, Washington

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## **IEM Committee**

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**From:** MMMMahalo2000@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 3:00 PM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Cc:** Elle Cochran  
**Subject:** Testimony for Monday (7/28) 1:30 PM in support of IEM-5 and -37

Aloha Chair Cochran and Committee members;

Mike Moran testifying for the Kihei Community Association.

### **KCA supports IEM-5**

After an unsuccessful prior attempt, which KCA supported, we are encouraged at this renewed action to ban these extremely injurious substances from our island home. Please do not be swayed by pleas of the inconvenience this ban can place on businesses, but stay strong to insure the health and well being of our people, our land, our water sources, and our near shore ocean waters and the creatures who live there.

Please do not be dissuaded by paid spokespersons for chemical industries who testify to exert their influence, but stand firmly for what is pono for Maui County.

Most all agree the main culprit in this group is Styrofoam. As one who makes an earnest effort to recycle all items which I can not avoid acquiring via packaging, etc, I find this one the most arduous. The packing peanuts can generally be delivered to shipping businesses for reuse. When I called the County recycling hotline to inquire how to recycle other Styrofoam products, I was asked to call back with a solution if I could find one!. I have not. Thus the seeming conclusion is if a product cannot be recycled, stop importing it, and arid any use of it.

We urge strong considerations on 20.26.050 Exemptions, especially C. as these can severely limit positive action. Too many are ready to say this is good, but not for me..

Last we are unsure about Section 2 which states "take effect on July 1, 2011."

### **KCA supports Resolution IEM-37**

While KCA is not a big fan of non binding resolutions, we agree this makes the correct statement, and perhaps can ultimately lead to binding legislation.

Mahalo to Council member Victorino for introducing both of these items.

Mike Moran President Kihei Community Association

## IEM Committee

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**From:** Natalie Brown <natalie@nataliebrownphotography.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 11:46 PM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** •1• IEM-5 POLYSTYRENE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS

Aloha,

Please vote to ban all Polystyrene food containers for Maui please. There are perfectly good affordable alternatives and they don't ruin our beautiful islands.

Thanks!

Natalie Brown Norberg

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<http://www.nataliebrownphotography.com>



## IEM Committee

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**From:** Natalie Norberg <mail@changemail.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 11:32 PM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Support a ban on polystyrene food service containers

Dear Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,

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Sincerely,  
Natalie Norberg kihei, Hawaii

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## IEM Committee

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**From:** n NIKHILANANDA <mail@changemail.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 1:22 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Support a ban on polystyrene food service containers

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Sincerely,  
n NIKHILANANDA MAKAWAO MAUI, Hawaii

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## IEM Committee

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**From:** Kachina Palencia <kachina@mauigateway.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 11:10 PM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** styrofoam

I support banning polystyrene disposable containers.IEM-5  
They do not decompose and last indefinitely in our land fill.  
Mahalo, Pamela Palencia