

June 10, 2019

Senate President Peter Courtney
President Pro Tempore Laurie Monnes Anderson
Majority Leader Ginny Burdick
Oregon State Senate
900 Court St., NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senate President Courtney, President Pro Tempore Monnes Anderson, and Majority Leader Burdick:

This letter is to let you know that we, a coalition of Indivisible groups across Oregon, support the HB 2883, the bill that would ban polystyrene (Styrofoam) food containers. We ask that you help shepherd this bill into law before the end of the legislative session.

We believe that there are many better alternatives to polystyrene containers, and that Oregon businesses should be on the forefront of this issue.

Like all plastics, polystyrene stays around in the environment for hundreds of thousands of years. But scientists say it's particularly noxious because its light weight makes it liable to be carried by wind and water into the ocean. It also crumbles easily into small pieces, making it more likely that birds and fish will eat it.

Protecting Oregon's environment and wildlife will require a lot of small steps. This is an important one. Please vote YES on this bill and urge your colleagues to pass it into law when it is voted on this week.

Sincerely,

The following members of the Consolidated Indivisible Oregon Network



The Consolidated Indivisible Oregon Network represents thousands of Oregon voters across the state and is dedicated to making our state a safer, healthier and environmentally supportive place to live. Contact us at mary.d.chaffin@gmail.com