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Nily Rozic, Assemblywoman  
25<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
159-16 Union Turnpike  
Flushing, NY 11366

Dear Assemblywoman Rozic,

This letter is provided on behalf of my constituent, Mr. Charles Lake, regarding your legislation A.9692.

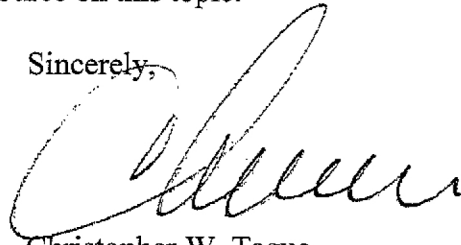
I recently met with Mr. Lake, who is a passionate voice calling for a statewide ban on the use of polystyrene. During our informative conversation, Mr. Lake brought my attention to your bill, A.9692, which relates to food service waste reduction and prohibits the use of polystyrene foam by contractors and lessees who deal with the State through state and municipal contracts.

While Mr. Lake is supportive of this legislation and recognizes that polystyrene is damaging to the environment he thinks placing a greater emphasis on the human health effects of exposure to polystyrene will give the bill the best chance of becoming law. In speaking with Mr. Lake I was surprised to learn that some of the documented health effects from exposure to polystyrene may involve the central nervous system and include headache, fatigue, dizziness, confusion, drowsiness, malaise, difficulty in concentrating, and a feeling of intoxication; beyond that, additional research is being done to determine if prolonged contact and/or use of the synthetic material causes serious and long-term diagnosis, like diabetes and autism.

As you begin preparing your legislation for reintroduction next Legislative Session, I wanted to share some materials with you that Mr. Lake provided to my office, which further discuss the correlation between polystyrene and human health. On behalf of Mr. Lake, I encourage you to consider adding some of this information to the bill language and corresponding sponsor memo to ensure people see this as a health issue as well as an environmental one. Beyond that, come the new year, I respectfully request that your bill be assigned to the Assembly Health Committee for consideration, in addition to the Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee.

I truly appreciate you being at the forefront of this very important issue in New York State and look forward to working with you on this in the months ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact me on my personal cell at (518)365- , if you have any questions or concerns. Additionally, if you would like the opportunity to speak with Mr. Lake directly, I would be happy to put you in touch with him as he is a valuable resource on this topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Tague', written in a cursive style.

Christopher W. Tague  
Assemblyman, 102<sup>nd</sup> A.D.

Cc. NYS Assembly Health Committee  
NYS Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee  
U.S. Congressman John Faso – 19<sup>th</sup> District of New York  
NYS Senator George Amedore – 46<sup>th</sup> Senate District  
Greene County Legislator Bill Lawrence – District 8  
Charles Lake

Enclosures

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