

## Proposal to eliminate Styrofoam as a food packaging material

Styrofoam food containers (for eating or drinking) emit **Benzene** and **Styrene** into the air. More importantly into our food (**especially hot food or drinks**) when the food/drinks comes in contact with this type of food container. Research from Government agencies like Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is the best reason for eliminating Styrofoam as a food packaging material.

### ATSDR states:

**Benzene:** “The major effect of benzene from long-term (365 days or longer) exposure is on the blood. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has determined that benzene is a known human carcinogen (A substance with the ability to cause cancer). Eating or drinking foods containing high levels of benzene can cause vomiting, irritation of the stomach, dizziness, sleepiness, convulsions, rapid heart rate, and death.”

**Styrene:** “The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has determined that styrene is **possibly carcinogenic to humans**. There is also little information on human health effects from eating or touching styrene. Animal studies show that **ingestion of high levels of styrene over several weeks can cause damage to the liver, kidneys, brain, and lungs. When styrene was applied to the skin of rabbits, it caused irritation.**”

These chemicals are among the worst in tobacco smoke already recognized as a health hazard. Don't be forced into being exposed because of the wide spread use of Styrofoam food containers. Eliminate the use of Styrofoam food packaging.

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I support this Proposal to eliminate Styrofoam as a food packaging material because of its toxicity. This document is authorized to be copied only to be sent to the Congressmen and Senators in my State.

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