

John Long

From: Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Tariq Naseem [tariqnaseem@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 10:03 AM
To: John Long
Subject: Please Support the Ban on Polystyrene

Feb 27, 2013

City Clerk John Long
Somerville, MA

Dear City Clerk Long,

Please take action to ban polystyrene for use in food containers.

Polystyrene is prone to breaking down and leeching dangerous toxins even at room temperature. It's from dangerous chemicals such as styrene, a petrochemical, and benzene, a known carcinogen. Studies have confirmed that styrene is toxic to workers who manufacture polystyrene.

Studies also indicate that polystyrene containers may leach styrene when exposed to hot or oily/greasy foods or those containing beta-carotene (vitamin B1), which is present in most vegetables.

Styrene is dangerous when broken down. Short-term exposure can cause eye and mucous membrane irritation, and gastrointestinal harm.

Long-term exposure can cause headaches, depression, fatigue, weakness, and hearing loss. Some studies have shown that long-term exposure decreases birth rates, increases the risk for leukemia and lymphoma, and has devastating effects on the liver, kidney, and stomach.

There are many low-cost non-toxic substitutes for these containers which are non-toxic.

I respectfully urge you to support the ban on polystyrene.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tariq Naseem
17 Belmont Sq
Apt 3
Somerville, MA 02143-2505
(617) 682-2191

John Long

From: Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Mary Patterson [maryjpatterson@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2013 8:46 PM
To: John Long
Subject: Please Support the Ban on Polystyrene

Feb 26, 2013

City Clerk John Long
Somerville, MA

Dear City Clerk Long,

I have lived in Somerville for 7 years and have witness many restaurants make the transition away from polystyrene. With no large scale recycling for this product in order to close the loop, it makes sense to ask business to make another choice.

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I respectfully urge you to support the ban on polystyrene.

Sincerely,

Ms. Mary Patterson
44 Morrison Ave
Somerville, MA 02144-2309

John Long

From: Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Linda Conte [lindaconte28@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2013 9:15 PM
To: John Long
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I respectfully urge you to support the ban on polystyrene.

Sincerely,

Ms. Linda Conte
18 Hall Ave
Somerville, MA 02144-2004

John Long

From: Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Jane Osli [janeoslin@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2013 9:45 PM
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I respectfully urge you to support the ban on polystyrene.

PS - Should you need any assistance in helping local businesses make this transition, I along with members of the Somerville Climate Action committee would be more than happy to assist.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jane Osli
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John Long

From: Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Don Cicchelli [satori_tao@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2013 11:45 PM
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I respectfully urge you to support the ban on polystyrene.

Sincerely,

Mr. Don Cicchelli
78 Newton St # 2
Somerville, MA 02143-3937
(774) 413-9170

John Long

From: Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Joanna Lemmon [jrlemmon@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 7:46 AM
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Sincerely,

Ms. Joanna Lemmon
185 Lowell St Apt 3
Somerville, MA 02144-2630