

## John Long

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**From:** Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Roger Miller  
[rogermiller@mindspring.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 3:02 PM  
**To:** John Long  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ban on Polystyrene

Apr 12, 2013

City Clerk John Long  
Somerville, MA

Dear City Clerk Long,

I am concerned that we in Somerville move forward to make the world a safer, less-toxic place. Please take action to ban polystyrene for use in food containers.

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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,

Mr. Roger Miller  
98 Highland Rd  
Somerville, MA 02144-2215

## John Long

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**From:** Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Stefan Scott [stefanscott70@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 3:31 PM  
**To:** John Long  
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Somerville, MA

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I respectfully urge you to support the ban on polystyrene.

Sincerely,

Mr. Stefan Scott  
9 Marion St  
Somerville, MA 02143-3902

## John Long

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**From:** Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Jamie White [jamieelysewhite@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 3:31 PM  
**To:** John Long  
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I respectfully urge you to support the ban on polystyrene.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jamie White  
23 Ware St  
Somerville, MA 02144-1540  
(123) 456-7899

## John Long

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**From:** Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of K T [heartcanstand@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 3:31 PM  
**To:** John Long  
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Somerville, MA

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I respectfully urge you to support the ban on polystyrene.

Sincerely,

Ms. K T  
650 Somerville  
Somerville, MA 02143

## John Long

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**From:** Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Matthew Hirsch [matthew.hirsch@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 4:33 PM  
**To:** John Long  
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I respectfully urge you to support the ban on polystyrene.

Sincerely,

Mr. Matthew Hirsch  
18 Mansfield St  
Somerville, MA 02143-3102

## John Long

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**From:** Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Daniel Thompson  
[danieltuckerthompson@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 4:33 PM  
**To:** John Long  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ban on Polystyrene

Apr 12, 2013

City Clerk John Long  
Somerville, MA

Dear City Clerk Long,

Please take action to ban polystyrene for use in food containers - our health is our greatest strength - please ban this material so that our continued health will be protected.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Daniel Thompson  
17 Westwood Rd  
Somerville, MA 02143-1517

## John Long

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**From:** Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Rahul Dave [rahuldave@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 4:34 PM  
**To:** John Long  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ban on Polystyrene

Apr 12, 2013

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Somerville, MA

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I respectfully urge you to support the ban on polystyrene.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rahul Dave  
95 Pearson Ave Apt 2  
Somerville, MA 02144-2202  
(267) 257-3027

## John Long

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**From:** Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Celia Marsh [tanaise@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 4:36 PM  
**To:** John Long  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ban on Polystyrene

Apr 12, 2013

City Clerk John Long  
Somerville, MA

Dear City Clerk Long,

I respectfully urge you to support the ban on polystyrene.

Polystyrene is prone to breaking down and leeching dangerous toxins even at room temperature. There are many low-cost substitutes for these containers which are non-toxic, and thus no need to see it continue as a supported product.

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

Sincerely,

Ms. Celia Marsh  
63 Waterhouse St Apt 1  
Somerville, MA 02144-1783



## John Long

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**From:** Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Paul Shannon [pshannon@afsc.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 4:36 PM  
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I respectfully urge you to support the ban on polystyrene.

Sincerely,

Mr. Paul Shannon  
30 Hancock St Apt 3  
Somerville, MA 02144-3103  
(617) 661-6130

## John Long

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**From:** Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Ruthie Ristich [ristich54@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 7:00 PM  
**To:** John Long  
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I respectfully urge you to support the ban on polystyrene.

Sincerely,

Ms. Ruthie Ristich  
34 Oxford St  
Somerville, MA 02143-1608  
(617) 628-3582

## John Long

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**From:** Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Susan Tutter [suezque@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 9:48 PM  
**To:** John Long  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ban on Polystyrene

Apr 12, 2013

City Clerk John Long  
Somerville, MA

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I respectfully urge you to support the ban on polystyrene.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Susan Tutter  
47 Oxford St  
Somerville, MA 02143-1607

## John Long

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**From:** Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Jeff Grove [grovej@lynnschools.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 11:48 PM  
**To:** John Long  
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I respectfully urge you to support the ban on polystyrene.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jeff Grove  
171 Powder House Blvd  
Somerville, MA 02144-1510

## John Long

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**From:** Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Stuart Schiffman [schiffman.stuart@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 11:48 PM  
**To:** John Long  
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I respectfully urge you to support the ban on polystyrene.

Sincerely,

Mr. Stuart Schiffman  
19 Central St Apt 17  
Somerville, MA 02143-2833

## John Long

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**From:** Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Evelyn Rosenthal [evrose@rcn.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 13, 2013 4:43 PM  
**To:** John Long  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ban on Polystyrene

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Somerville, MA

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I respectfully urge you to support the ban on polystyrene.

Sincerely,

Ms. Evelyn Rosenthal  
93 Concord Ave Apt 2  
Somerville, MA 02143-3938

## John Long

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**From:** Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Marsha Pomerantz  
[marsha.pomerantz@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 13, 2013 5:09 PM  
**To:** John Long  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ban on Polystyrene

Apr 13, 2013

City Clerk John Long  
Somerville, MA

Dear City Clerk Long,

I won't repeat what everyone is telling you, but I do add my voice and ask for your attention to the dangers of polystyrene and to the reasonable alternatives for food packaging.

Sincerely,

Ms. Marsha Pomerantz  
93 /Concord Avenue  
Apt 3  
Somerville, MA 02143

## John Long

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**From:** Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Ellie Mathews [elzabe@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 13, 2013 6:42 PM  
**To:** John Long  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ban on Polystyrene

Apr 13, 2013

City Clerk John Long  
Somerville, MA

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Dear Mayor Curatone & Board of Alderman of Somerville,

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I respectfully urge you to support the ban on polystyrene.

Ellie Mathews  
98 Thurston St.  
Somerville, MA 02145

Sincerely,

Miss Ellie Mathews  
98 Thurston St  
Somerville, MA 02145-2829



## John Long

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**From:** Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Chris Ormsby [jcoman@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 13, 2013 7:10 PM  
**To:** John Long  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ban on Polystyrene

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Somerville, MA

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I respectfully urge you to support the ban on polystyrene.

Sincerely,

Mr. Chris Ormsby  
5 Kensington Ave  
Somerville, MA 02145-2106

## John Long

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**From:** Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Donald Stevens [dostev@rcn.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 13, 2013 7:41 PM  
**To:** John Long  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ban on Polystyrene

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Somerville, MA

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Sincerely,

Mr. Donald Stevens  
103 Pearson Ave  
Somerville, MA 02144-2202

## John Long

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**From:** Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Dvora Jonas [dvorajonas@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2013 12:38 PM  
**To:** John Long  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ban on Polystyrene

Apr 14, 2013

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Somerville, MA

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Sincerely,

Ms. Dvora Jonas  
32 Jaques St  
Somerville, MA 02145-1938  
(617) 628-3966

## John Long

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**From:** Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Michelle Cipriano [shelly123449@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2013 1:40 PM  
**To:** John Long  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ban on Polystyrene

Apr 14, 2013

City Clerk John Long  
Somerville, MA

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I respectfully urge you to support the ban on polystyrene.

Sincerely,

Miss Michelle Cipriano  
3 Everett Ave  
Apt 2  
Somerville, MA 02145-3109  
(617) 230-3467

## John Long

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**From:** Sierra Club [office@sierraclubmass.org] on behalf of Sarah Paterson [sirenstatues@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2013 9:09 PM  
**To:** John Long  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ban on Polystyrene

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Miss Sarah Paterson  
27 Morrison Ave # 2  
Somerville, MA 02144-2317