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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill No 08-0061 Food Establishments – Polystyrene Products	

TO The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings- Blake
 President of City Council of Baltimore
 400 City Hall

DATE: April 9, 2008

The Environmental Control Board (**ECB**) supports the above Bill, for the purpose of prohibiting food service establishments from using certain polystyrene products under certain circumstances.

In the numerous workshops and community association meetings conducted by ECB, we have found that polystyrene products such as cups, plates, dishes, bowls, etc. used by food establishments is looked upon as an unsightly environmental nuisance. Most material used for food or beverage containers are one-use material. Once the consumer used these products it is disposed of as litter and represents a significant environmental problem.

Recycling is technically possible, but it is not economically justifiable since these products are non-bio degradable.

ECB is in agreement that restrictions placed on certain polystyrene products would definitely be environmental-friendly as well as it would have an operational impact on the city 's struggles to combat dirt and grime.

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