

I am writing in support of HB5384 requiring elimination of single use styrofoam containers.

I do not support HB5385 as written. The limitation to “full - service restaurants” would effectively negate the value of eliminating single- use plastic straws in reducing litter. Plastic straws served in a full - service restaurant are unlikely to be removed from the premises by the consumer and end up as litter. These straws would be effectively managed by the restaurant. The real problem of plastic straws - if litter is our concern- comes from fast food restaurants and commercial packaging of juices and other drinks that have attached straws. I would support HB5384 if “full -service restaurant” is changed to “food establishment” as defined by section 19a-36g of the general statutes, similar to HB5384.

Thank you.

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Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves.
Carl Jung