

Foam In Maryland: Why Should We Ban It?

#foamfreeinMD

Proposed in the 2017 Maryland Legislative Session
Why a ban?

It's bad for our health.

- Styrofoam contains carcinogens
- Poisons drinking water by leaching chemicals into groundwater after sitting in landfills
- Toxins gets into seafood, which we then eat
- Often burned with other trash in incinerators → toxic emissions poison our lungs

It's bad for our environment.

- Styrofoam poisons marine life once it is in the waterways
- Big component of waste stream
- Pollutes our streets and Earth
- Contributes to climate change through emissions from trash incineration
- Styrofoam is made out of oil, so it supports fossil fuels and big oil industry

Who would have to comply?

- Corner, dollar, and convenience stores
- Restaurants (including fast food)
- Movie theaters
- Grocery stores (including Styrofoam products like cups)
- Shipping companies (including packing peanuts)
- Schools (cafeteria trays)

Who opposes the bill?

- Styrofoam manufacturers
- Schools (reusable trays cost more)
- Small businesses (switching away from Styrofoam costs more)
- Pro-oil industry politicians

✓MO County

✓PG County

✓And D.C

Have already passed this ban... so why shouldn't we???

Join our anti-Styrofoam team and we'll keep you posted on how you can help us keep Marylanders healthier and **PASS THIS BILL!**

Contact BmoreGreenSchools@gmail.com for more info!

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1. Why is this an important issue?
2. What is Styrofoam?
3. Styrofoam legislation?
4. What can we do as student advocates?
5. What actions can we take? How can we make our interests visible?

Examples:

- o artwork
- o research
- o petitioning

Letters

Posters

Styrofoam →

Card board

Plastic

Paper

Congress

mayor

Long

CA. Rep. Sharon

Dr. Santilisis

Card board

Reparatus

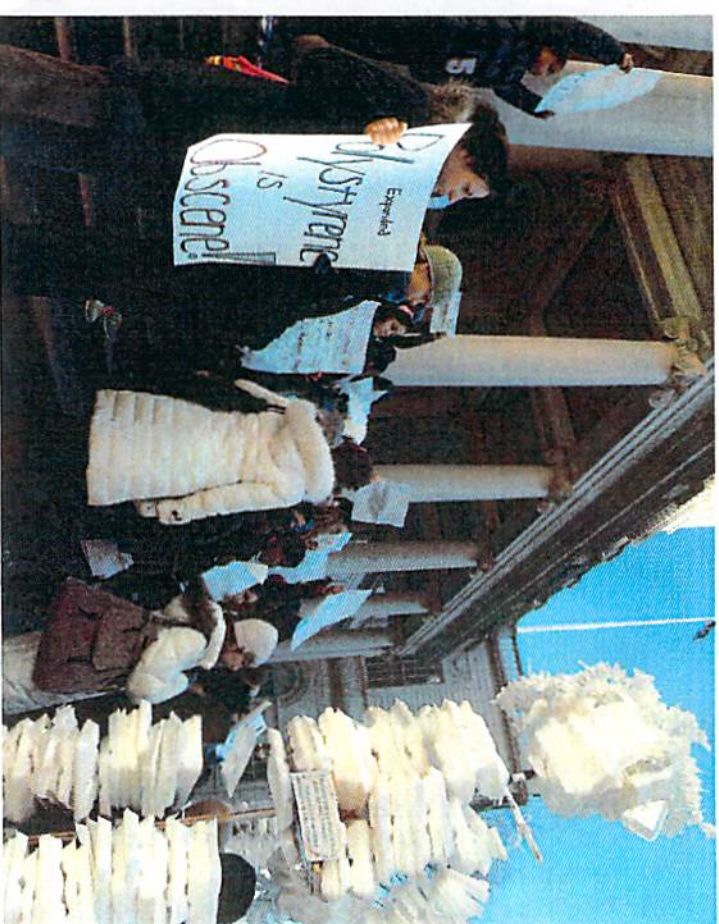
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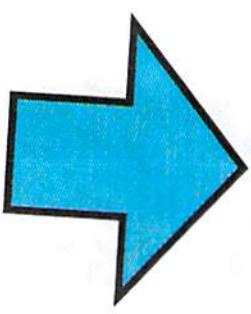
Save the date!

Weds., February 8, 2017

Field trip to Annapolis

*Join us to lobby
against Polystyrene (AKA
Styrofoam)!*

Tell your legislators
to support the foam ban.
Free Transportation provided!



**Help us do THIS in
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RSVP now to

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