

**June 3, 2011**

**The Honorable Alan S. Lowenthal  
Member of the California State Senate  
Capitol Building, #2032  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**Re: Support for SB 568 as Amended**

**Dear Senator Lowenthal:**

**On behalf of the Fairfax Town Council, I am writing in support of Senate Bill 568 which prohibits food vendors from dispensing prepared food products in polystyrene (Styrofoam) containers.**

**The Town of Fairfax has long understood that expanded polystyrene (EPS) poses significant environmental issues to our waterways and the wildlife that depend upon them. EPS breaks down into minute particles which do not biodegrade and are transported throughout the marine environment where they are ingested by a variety of organisms.**

**The Town of Fairfax banned polystyrene take-out containers in 1993. Since that time, we have seen no drop-off in sales by local food vendors which remain one of the most robust segments of our local economy. The Town of Fairfax believes that SB 568 will only improve the reputation and efficiency of California's venerable take-out food culture and supports its passage and implementation.**

**Thank you for your leadership in this area.**

**Respectfully yours,**

**LARRY BRAGMAN  
Mayor**

**AGENDA ITEM # 8**