



Dear (name of Editor),

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen to express my concerns about single-use plastic and polystyrene foam production and consumption in our community/state/USA.

Did you know?

- 360 million tons of plastic and polystyrene foam are produced each year. 40% is used for packaging and most are single-use plastic.
- There are 3.6 billion egg cartons produced each year in North America, and approximately half of them are still made from plastic.
- It is expected that plastic and polystyrene foam production will continue to increase, likely doubling by 2025.
- Only 9% of plastic and polystyrene foam is recycled and 12% is burned.
- 79% of plastic and polystyrene foam sticks around in landfills and takes 1,000 years to decompose.
- 8 million tons of plastic and polystyrene foam, including plastic egg cartons, end up in the oceans and get swept out into plastic islands.
- Plastic and polystyrene foam in our ocean effects 1400 marine species and the food you eat. Fish, which are caught by fishermen, eat microplastics. You end up eating your own plastic trash, which has dangerous effects on hormonal health and can even cause cancer.

I am writing to you to request that (newspaper name) publish an investigative report about single-use plastic and polystyrene foam consumption in (community/city/state or province). My hope is to inform other residents of the harmful effects of single-use plastic so that together we can drive the change in reducing our carbon footprint.

Your willingness to take action now will demonstrate your support for banning single-use plastic in (community/city/state or province/country) and around the globe and is a vital first step towards change.

Thank you for your commitment.