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To: House Bill No. 6502

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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CERTAIN POLYSTYRENE PRODUCTS, THE AVAILABILITY OF SINGLE-USE STRAWS, THE RELEASE OF CERTAIN BALLOONS AND THE COMPOSTABLE NATURE OF SINGLE-USE PRODUCE BAGS."

- 1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:
- 2 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The cochairpersons of the joint
- 3 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
- 4 matters relating to the environment shall convene a working group for
- 5 the purpose of developing recommendations for phasing out the use of
- 6 polystyrene trays in each school district, regional school district,
- 7 regional vocational technical school and constituent unit of higher
- 8 education by July 1, 2023. Such working group shall additionally consist
- 9 of the following members: (1) Two members from the Connecticut
- 10 chapter of ReThink Disposable, as selected by such chapter; (2) One
- 11 member from the Connecticut Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, as
- 12 selected by such academy; (3) two members from the School Nutrition
- 13 Association of Connecticut, as selected by such association; (4) one

14 member from the state Department of Education, as selected by such
15 department; (5) one member from the Department of Energy and
16 Environmental Protection, as selected by such department; (6) one
17 member from the Connecticut Association of School Business Officials,
18 as selected by such association; (7) three members from the School
19 District Food Service Directors representing one large urban district, one
20 small rural district and one regional school district, as selected by such
21 directors; and (8) two members from environmental advocacy groups,
22 as selected by such cochairpersons. Said cochairpersons shall convene
23 such working group not later than sixty days after the effective date of
24 this section. The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of
25 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
26 environment shall provide staff support to such working group. Not
27 later than January 1, 2022, such working group shall submit any
28 recommendations and proposed legislation to implement such phase
29 out to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
30 cognizance of matters relating to the environment."

31 After line 67, insert the following:

32 "(g) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any
33 municipality from adopting, implementing or continuing to implement
34 or enforce any ordinance or rule that prevents an owner or operator of
35 a restaurant or catering business from providing or distributing a single-
36 use container to a consumer."