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The Honorable Felipe Fuentes, Chair  
Assembly Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SENATE BILL 568 (LOWENTHAL), AS AMENDED JULY 12, 2011 – SUPPORT  
RELATING TO FOOD CONTAINERS**

Dear Assembly Member Fuentes,

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors supports SB 568.

Existing law requires all rigid plastic bottles and rigid plastic containers sold in the state to be labeled with a code that indicates the resin used to produce the rigid plastic bottle or rigid plastic container.

SB 568 would prohibit a food vendor from dispensing prepared food to a customer in a polystyrene foam food container. It defines "food vendor" to include a restaurant or retail food and beverage vendor, an itinerant restaurant, vehicular food vendor, caterer, as well as a grocery store or a delicatessen. SB 568 does not include correctional facilities, county- or city-operated juvenile facilities or other State or local correctional institutions.

The bill complements local government waste management and environmental protection programs already underway throughout California. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has directed the Department of Public Works (DPW) to phase out the use of expanded polystyrene (EPS) food packaging at all County operations, to include restricting the purchase and use of all EPS food containers at County facilities, offices, County-managed concessions, and by commercial food and beverage suppliers at County-permitted or -sponsored events. In addition, the Board has directed DPW to investigate expanding this phase-out to include retail food service establishments throughout the unincorporated areas of the County.

I respectfully request that you vote "AYE" on SB 568.

Sincerely,

Donna Seitz  
Legislative Advocate

Cc: Senator Lowenthal  
Each Member and consultant,  
Assembly Appropriations Committee