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The Styrofoam-Free National Dining Franchises Act

Whereas, Polystyrene, commonly known as Styrofoam, is a non-renewable plastic that pollutes our environment and takes more than 500 years to naturally decompose;

Whereas, many national dining franchises utilize styrofoam products;

Whereas, a national dining franchise is defined as a restaurant chain that is also located outside of Texas;

Whereas, several national dining franchises are slated to be developed on-campus in the future;

Whereas, there are currently Styrofoam products being utilized by national dining franchises on-campus;

Whereas, the University of Houston is dedicated to maintaining an environmentally sustainable campus, with various initiatives put forth by the Office of Sustainability and different individual departments.

Therefore, be it enacted by the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

That the University of Houston Auxiliary Services implement the following changes:

- (1) Any national dining franchise developed on-campus in the future will not be able to utilize styrofoam products and must use recyclable alternatives, if such alternatives are available.

- (2) Any national dining franchise currently utilizing styrofoam products must instead use recyclable alternatives immediately, so long as any price increase remains minimal.



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<sup>1</sup>[http://www.uh.edu/police/dcb/UHPD\\_DCL.pdf](http://www.uh.edu/police/dcb/UHPD_DCL.pdf)