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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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**Committee:** Student Life

**Draft:** Vote

**Plastic #6 Removal Resolution**

**Whereas,** plastic #6 also known as polystyrene or Styrofoam is found in disposable plates, cups, cartons and carry-out containers is not recoverable and sent overseas to be melted down into plastic #7 or burned as fuel;

**Whereas,** plastic #6 is made with petroleum, a non-sustainable resource;

**Whereas,** plastic #6 makes up a main component of marine debris due to its ultra-lightweight nature and is easily broken up allowing it to readily disperse in the environment;

**Whereas,** the heating of plastic #6 in microwaves may cause the possible human carcinogen known as styrene to come in contact with food products;

**Whereas,** most curbside programs, including the University of Houston, does not accept plastic #6 for recycling, consequently making plastic #6 fill 35% of landfill material in the United States;

**Whereas,** plastic #6 is not biodegradable, having a lifespan of over 1 million years.

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

That the Student Government Association does not support the continued usage of Plastic #6 on and around the University of Houston Campus,

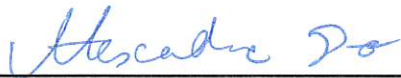
**Be it further resolved,** that the Senate Student Life Committee will make efforts towards the removal of Plastic #6 from the University of Houston Campus.



Allison Lawrence

Study Body President

Date of President's approval: 11/28/19



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Speaker of the Senate

Date of Senate Approval: 11/13/19