

Dear Restaurant Manager,

I very much enjoy your food and would like to continue to patronize your establishment. In addition, I am very concerned about the welfare of our planet. I plan to continue order food from businesses and restaurants that follow environmentally healthy practices.

- 1) Did you know that Styrofoam plates and cups remain in landfills forever? They break down into small particles but never go away. They pollute our land and our waterways forever. Approximately 1400 tons of Styrofoam are buried each day in U.S. landfills. When burned, carbon black and carbon monoxide are released into the air.
- 2) Plastic bags and plates are also not biodegradable. Animals and birds become tangled in the trash and can suffocate or become permanently harmed.
- 3) Plastic silverware is considered one of the most harmful items to oceanic sea life. It breaks into small sharp pieces that clog the stomachs of birds, fish and other animals.
- 4) Plastic straws break down into ever smaller particles releasing chemicals into the soil, air and water that are harmful to people and wildlife.

I would ask that you consider the following:

- 1) Use paper bags instead of plastic bags.
- 2) Use paper or cardboard plates and cups instead of plastic or Styrofoam
- 3) Do not dispense straws or consider biodegradable straws.
- 4) Do not dispense plastic cutlery unless the consumer asks for it. Consider biodegradable cutlery.
- 5) Use cardboard clamshells instead of Styrofoam or wrap food in aluminum foil.

Thank for the above considerations.

Sincerely,

