Congratulations and thank you to the CT House of Representatives on passing House Bill 5384 An Act Requiring the Elimination of Single-Use Styrofoam Containers! I support this legislation. I want the CT State Senate votes to pass this bill and that Governor Lamont will sign it into law.

Styrofoam containers have been around for hundreds of years. They are used in restaurants and catering business all around the world to keep food hot or cold and to keep it safe during traveling. What some people may not know though, is how dangerous they are to the environment, especially to our health and to the health of animals.

Styrofoam containers are made of a chemical called polystyrene, a carcinogen that has been linked to some forms of cancer including leukemia and lymphoma. Exposing our food and beverages to these chemicals can also have an effect on our nervous system, our respiratory system and possibly our kidney and liver.

Styrofoam and plastic also create pollution which is harmful to our environment. Styrofoam containers or cups take up to 500 years or more to decompose.

In addition to Styrofoam, I am concerned too about plastic bags which also take up to 500 years to decompose. I think a lot of people don't realize how harmful plastic bags are,
especially to animals when they are in the ocean.

We humans must be more aware of these hazards to our environment, to our health and to our beloved animals. The fewer Styrofoam containers, plastic bags we use the better.

I'm all for banning Styrofoam containers and I would also like to see a ban on plastic bags. We need to protect our environment not harm it.

The next time you're eating out or shopping at a store, remember that the Earth will be a better place to live without Styrofoam containers and plastic bags. So please, do the right thing and don't use these harmful products. Let's save the earth, it's our home!

*So, reach out and contact your Senator today. Ask them to support HB 5384 and to urge their leaders to make sure it gets called for a vote in the Senate. Who's with me?*