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Dear City Council Members:

The Sierra Club North Star Chapter is pleased to see the City of St. Paul considering action on the Sustainable To-Go Food Packaging proposal that would require all to-go food packaging distributed within the City to be reusable, recyclable, or compostable. This is an opportunity to take a positive step towards reaching the St. Paul GreenStep City action goals and creating the Most Livable City in America.

Enacting this change throughout St. Paul allows for less waste today, and the potential for more sustainable choices in the future. Disposable food and beverage containers are not sustainable. Polystyrene containers pose health risks. Styrene is a known carcinogen and reproductive toxin, and its chemicals can leach into hot food and beverages. There are safer, cost effective, and more sustainable options available, which are already in use by many restaurants in the city.

We urge you to support the Sustainable To-Go Packing Ordinance and future environmental measures for our health, for our environment, and for St. Paul families and communities.

Thank you for your leadership to reduce our city's and state's environmental and climate impact.

Sincerely,

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