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**NYPIRG STATEMENT ON ANNOUNCEMENT FROM GOVERNOR CUOMO TO
RELEASE PROPOSAL TO BAN POLYSTYRENE**

(Albany, N.Y.) Governor Cuomo [announced](#) that his fifth proposal of the 2020 State of the State will be a proposal to ban single-use polystyrene food containers and the sale of polystyrene packing peanuts.

The following statement is attributable to Liz Moran, Environmental Policy Director for NYPIRG:

“As the State and Country face plastic pollution, climate, and recycling crises, a necessary solution is to reduce and eliminate single-use plastics, like polystyrene. The Governor’s announcement today to release a proposal to ban polystyrene is a tremendous step forward for New York in continuing its fight against plastic waste. Polystyrene is both a threat to public health and a menace to the environment – nearly impossible to recycle, polystyrene is frequently within the top 10 items found during beach cleanups. While details to the proposal are still needed, NYPIRG applauds the Governor for seeking to tackle polystyrene pollution.”

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