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The Honorable Katy Tang  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, #244  
San Francisco, CA 94012

Re: File No. 180519 Single-Use Food Ware Ordinance

Dear Supervisor Tang:

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, representing thousands to local businesses, has consistently supported cutting-edge environmental legislation, including the plastic bag ban and the Styrofoam ban. Subject to our understanding of the most recent draft, we are pleased to lend our support to your Single-Use Food Ware Litter Reduction Ordinance.

We appreciated the comments of Director Debbie Raphael regarding accommodation for those with medical needs to purchase flexible plastic straws. Ms. Raphael made it clear in her testimony before the Land Use Committee that pursuant to Section 1606 (c), the Department will allow for the sale of such straws in the medical supply areas of pharmacies.

We also understand that it is your intent to assure that Section 1604 (f) will allow for the sale of pre-packaged prepared food and beverages that may contain a plastic straw. This same exemption has existed for food products packaged outside of San Francisco with Styrofoam and these products should remain available to local shoppers.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce looks forward to working with your office and the Department of the Environment on the implementation of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tallia A. Hart".

Tallia A. Hart  
President & CEO  
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

Cc: Clerk of the Board, to be distributed to all Supervisors; Mayor London Breed; Debbie Raphael, Director of San Francisco's Department of the Environment