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Supervisor Norman Yee, President  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
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Dear President Yee and Board of Supervisors,

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, representing thousands of local businesses, has reviewed Supervisor Peskin’s proposed legislation, File #190811 - Promotion of Reusable Food Service Ware. While the business community supports policies and programs that help San Francisco reach its zero waste goals, several recently-enacted bans, fees, and sorting requirements are still in the process of being implemented into existing local business models. Introducing new restrictions on food ware at this time is a concern to many of our small local business partners. Additionally there are concerns that this proposed legislation lacks consideration regarding potential impacts on low-income customers. To address these concerns, we have proposed the following amendments.

Equity is a main concern with this fee. Low-income customers who frequent to-go establishments for everyday meals, or residents in Single Residency Occupancy units without access to kitchens, may be disproportionately impacted. In order to address this issue, .1 , an already proven metric 0 0 with the current Bag Fee that deters non-reusable use. 0 to prevent an undue burden on low-income customers who buy to-go or fast food meals that have multiple non-reusable containers.

The effect on small business and their feasibility to comply is also crucial to consider. Small vendors might not have a dishwasher or the physical space to install one. The cost of reusable foodware goes beyond the purchase of 2 100

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