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Councilmember Koretz  
200 N. Spring Street, Suite 440  
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Dear Councilmember Koretz:

I am writing to you today to express Grubhub's support of your proposal to require disposable foodware accessories be made available only upon the request of the customer. Grubhub cares deeply about sustainability, both internally and throughout the food ecosystem and we are excited to see you exploring such an important issue.

On February 25, 2021 Grubhub officially joined the #CutOutCutlery campaign and committed to dramatically reducing the number of single-use plastics that enter the environment. In the coming months, the Grubhub app and website will begin automatically defaulting to zero utensils and napkins with every order. While diners will still be able to request plasticware when needed, the move will generate significant savings for restaurants across the country.

This action will remove millions of pieces of plastic cutlery from entering the environment annually. According to HabitsofWaste.org, organizer of the #CutOutCutlery campaign, 40,000,000,000 pieces of plastic cutlery end up in the waste stream per year, polluting our oceans and harming sea life.

Beyond the environmental benefits, removing plasticware is also another way Grubhub and our diners can generate cost savings for restaurants at a time when they need it most. Research has found that restaurants can save potentially thousands of dollars annually by reducing how much plasticware they distribute. The move is an important step in the journey Grubhub is embarking towards more sustainable business practices.

We look forward to working with you and please let me know how Grubhub can support this proposal as it moves through the legislative process.

Regards,

Amy P. Healy  
Head of Public Affairs

CC: Councilmembers O'Farrell and Krikorian