

**E.C.O. 4 YOUTH CAMPERS**  
Earth Care Opportunities for Youth  
Waiola Church, 535 Waine'e Street  
Lahaina, Hawai'i, 96761

October 12, 2019

Dear Ms. Hirono,

We greet you with aloha. We are a group of 31 young people in grades 6 through 11, who live on the islands of Lana'i, Kaua'i, and Maui.

We are writing to you because we are very concerned about plastic pollution and how it is threatening the ocean around our island homes. It is poisoning animals, coral reefs, and humans. Plastic breaks down in the ocean and gets eaten by the fish, and then we eat the fish!

Some of us cry, and we demand that adults do something about the plastic and microplastics. Please do something to save the turtles and the sharks, they are our favorite animals. Could you try not to use plastic for one year?

If you are not doing anything to stop the marine debris right now, please step out and DO something about it, not just talk about it. We know there are ways to help pass laws that protect the oceans and the earth. We want you to do everything you can.

We made these sea creatures out of plastic bottles, so you can see what the plastic is doing to our beautiful oceans. It is slowly turning the fish and other living things into plastic.

Mahalo for your kokua!

With aloha,  
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