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To: [DEM \(COH\)](#)
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Aloha Chair Perez and the Environmental Management Commission,

*I'm writing to **support Bill 83** and respectfully ask the EMC to issue a **favorable recommendation** to the County Council.*

*Bill 83 moves us toward less waste and cleaner communities. Other counties in Hawai'i have already passed similar legislation, proving that this is both **doable and effective**. Our county took an important step in 2018 by banning single-use expanded polystyrene foam, and this bill is the logical next step toward reducing plastic pollution at the source.*

Even if composting infrastructure is still developing, choosing compostable and fiber-based materials now helps create the feedstock needed for future commercial composting. These products are also far more sustainable to produce, often made from agricultural byproducts instead of fossil fuels.

Mahalo for your service and for supporting a cleaner future for all of us.

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