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Aloha Chair Perez and Members of the Environmental Management Commission,

I'm writing in strong support of Bill 83 and respectfully urge the EMC to issue a favorable recommendation to the County Council.

As the federal government continues to roll back critical climate and environmental regulations, it's more important than ever that we take decisive action at the state and county levels where our protections can't be undone by shifting political agendas. Bill 83 is an opportunity for Hawai'i County to lead by example, reducing waste and supporting cleaner, healthier communities.

Other counties across the state have already shown that this kind of legislation works. Hawai'i County made progress in 2018 with the ban on single-use expanded polystyrene foam, and Bill 83 supports the logical next step in reducing plastic pollution at its source.

Even as composting infrastructure continues to grow, adopting compostable and fiber-based materials now will help build the foundation for future waste solutions. These materials are more sustainable to produce and often come from agricultural byproducts rather than fossil fuels.

Mahalo for your service and for helping protect Hawai'i's future through local action.

Warmest Aloha-

Sarah Clark