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EMC Commissioners,

Thank you for your service and commitment.

I want to urge you to support / and recommend passage of Bill 83. It is an important step towards reducing the unnecessary usage of plastic. I believe Oahu and Maui have already passed similar legislation.

Bill 83 IS the necessary step to implementing the waste reduction policies adopted by the council as far back as **2009** reaffirmed in the county's most recent Integrated Solid Waste Management, General and Integrated Climate Action Plans.

Switching from single-use plastic (SUP) to compostable products will help the county establish the composting system necessary to divert SUP materials from the landfill while also supporting food security.

We now know that we do NOT need a commercial composting facility to process **bioplastics**. They can be composted naturally or in vessel composters.

Inclusion of non-plastic reuse options supports the expansion of the initiative while ensuring that the bill's purpose is not undermined.

Clearly, our county and state governments have a duty to protect the public from plastic pollution. Microrplastic and nanoplastic toxicity and impact upon human health is going to emerge as THE existential human health issue of the millennium. Bill 83 is an important first step towards reducing our consumption of (and exposure to) plastic. We must seize this opportunity!

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Aloha, Peace, Love, Music & Gratitude

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The shortest path to happiness is gratitude.