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To: [DEM \(COH\)](#)
Subject: Support Bill 83 - Elliott Grimm Advocacy
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Aloha Environmental Management Committee,

I am writing to strongly urge you to support Bill 83, Draft 2, and its amendments, and to send a favorable recommendation to the County Council.

My name is Elliott Grimm and I attend ka'u high school, and participate in malama aina compostables, a student-led program advocating against using single use plastics. My role in the program is a part of the media team, being on the media team I get to see and record first hand how plastics harm our environment. I believe that there are non plastic alternatives these big brands choose not to use in order to save money. Our program works together to inform, prevent and clean the dangers of plastics.

Plastic pollution is one of the greatest threats to our island's health, ecosystems, and future generations. Every year, more than 11 million metric tons of plastic enter the ocean, breaking down into microplastics that now contaminate our air, water, and even human blood and organs. Hawai'i's marine life—turtles, seabirds, and fish—are ingesting plastics at alarming rates, and these same toxins enter our food chain.

Mahalo
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