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Aloha members of the Environmental Management Committee,

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

Our county has been fighting to stop the use of unnecessary plastic for far too long. We know conclusively through science that plastic pollution is one of the greatest threats to our island's health, ecosystems, and our keiki. Each 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 to all of the citizens who've been fighting for stronger protections from our "Blue" legislators in our "Blue" state. For reasons that can usually be traced back to industry influence, we've not, as yet, been able to achieve the long-term success in stopping the wasteful and unnecessary use of plastic materials that threaten us all. Hopefully, this committee will set us on a better and strong path to seriously limited plastic use.

Mahalo and best regards,

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