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Aloha Chair Perez and the Environmental Management Commission,

I am writing to you today to SUPPORT BILL 83 to reduce and hopefully ban polystyrene and plastic single use/disposable packaging on Hawaii island. I urge you to support a favorable recommendation to the county council.

As we all know, we live in the middle of the ocean, one of the most remote places on Earth. We must be stewards of our island communities in order to support our future, our place in the world and those that will come after us.

Other Hawaiian counties have passed similar legislation with success and Hawaii county began moving in this direction in 2018 banning single-use expanded polystyrene foam, so lets keep the ball rolling.

Mahalo for your service and for supporting a better future for all.

A hui hou,

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