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Dear Honorable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I'm writing today to ask for your support to bring about awareness to your constituents about the global crisis of plastic pollution. This is not a Republican or a Democrat issue, but is the world’s issue and we need our politicians to help. Plastic pollution is one of the fast growing crises in our world today. Scientists predict that by 2050, there will be more plastic (by weight) than fish in our ocean. Plastic products are produced with petroleum, and once produced, remain on our Earth forever, so every piece of plastic ever made still exists on our planet somewhere.

This is a human health issue. Over 150 million metric tons of plastic are in our oceans today, which is ending up in marine life and already found into our food chain. Plastic has been linked to several scientific and medical studies including diseases such as heart disease, obesity, and some cancers.

This is also an environmental issue that has untold direct and indirect costs to society. Over 1 million seabirds and 100,000 marine life die each year due to plastic pollution, and the numbers keep on growing. A growing percentage of our landfills are being filled up with plastic products. Our streets, parks, streams, rivers, and oceans are being littered with plastic trash, which costs us money for cleanups. Additionally, as you may know, recycling costs government funds, and recycling isn’t a complete solution since many plastic products cannot be recycled.

So I am writing to ask you for your approval on creating a Plastic Pollution Awareness Day in our state on Feb 15th, 2018. The state of Georgia declared this day in 2017, and it was the first of its kind globally. This day was created to educate the general public about the issues of plastic pollution, practical alternatives to single-use plastic products, and steps citizens and businesses can take to reduce their plastic footprint. The day was a huge success, and we can use their model and their resolution to create a similar day in our state.

This would be a great opportunity to show that we care about our planet and wish to make our citizens more aware and knowledgeable about issues affecting our society. As informed consumers, we can make a difference in this world.

Please let me know when we can discuss further.

Sincerely,