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Aloha,

I have had correspondence with Council member Molina, in past months, concerning his push for no plastic bags on our island of Maui. I applaud his efforts.

I know things change slow here on our islands, but do not understand why when a problem is well documented, then why must it take such a slow route for action? When a new tax or fee is added no time tables such as YEARS are needed to take action. But when our environment is suffering and our ocean life under attack, why must we always move so slowly for change? I understand that business needs time to adjust and people need time to change but YEARS?

Everyone has heard of the problem of pollution by now and what it is doing to our earth. Many are beginning to understand it is time to change our wasteful habits. Stop Hawaii from lagging behind and move her to a state of leadership and change for a new world.

Enact enforceable guidelines for pollution change, from plastic bags, to plastic bottles, to simple lids and covers on trash containers as law.

My husband and I have helped on beach clean ups and were left with a feeling of helplessness. Without laws that are enforceable so fines can be issued for open trash containers, it is indeed hopeless to stop the damage. I see them everywhere. On the beach, at construction sites, and businesses with dumpsters hanging open exposed to winds that take loose trash straight into our oceans. Just last week I saw a mother after a beach birthday party release the balloons that were brought for decoration. I don't know how to make people care, but I do know ignorance is bliss. I see a need for education! She has children but does not see the impact of her actions on their future?

From trash containers on the beach to businesses who make their living from our island and our ocean, move to protect the interests of our children's future, not the interests of now with no regards for tomorrow. Earth and ocean are already showing you, they can wait no longer for empty promises. The grandest of intention does not equal the smallest of deeds.

Pleas act now and be a leader for all. Hawaii must lead in stewardship of ocean and earth.

Mahalo for your actions on behalf of all that are to come after we are gone.

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