Senator Amy Klobuchar

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Dear Senator Klobuchar,

I am writing to urge you to support 2 important pieces of legislation: **The Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act (BFFPPA) S 984 and the COMPOST Act S 2388**

The world faces an existential threat in the form of climate change. As we work together to take bold climate action, while simultaneously upholding environmental justice and protecting the health of people living in frontline and fence line communities, we must recognize that all these issues overlap at a single point: plastic.

More than 99% of plastic is made from fossil fuels, and plastic contributes to climate change at every step of its life cycle. The petrochemical industry and the pollution it creates disproportionately harm people of color and low-income communities. Every year, the United States alone burns or buries in landfill 32 million tons of plastic, impacting the health, wealth, and well-being of frontline and fence line communities. **The Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act of 2021 (BFFPPA) S984**, being re-introduced by Sen. Merkley and Rep. Lowenthal, builds on successful statewide laws across the country and outlines practical plastic reduction strategies to realize a healthier, more sustainable, and more equitable future.

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Please support and cosponsor this comprehensive legislation to help tackle the climate crisis and uphold environmental justice.

Sincerely your constituent,

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