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> Pascale Moehrle Executive Director Oceana in Europe

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Dear Director Moehrle,

I would like to thank you for your letter on saving our oceans. Combatting climate change and defending our environment are fundamental for our future. This is why fighting climate change is one of our election priorities. The state of our rivers, lakes and oceans concerns us all; to highlight the importance of our acting together, we are calling for a global ban on single-use plastics. We would like to express our support for your work in defending our nature and oceans.

After talking with thousands of people from all EU Member States, who like you have shared their concerns and aspirations with us, we are convinced that we need to open a new chapter in the European Union's history. We need to build a Union which is strong, smart and kind. We need to be ready to take on the challenges and opportunities of building a Europe in which we all feel optimistic about our shared future. It is crucial that Europe comes closer to the people and listens to everyone's concerns. Only together will we be strong enough to build a prosperous and bright future for us all.

You can find more about our 2019 campaign vision here, in our manifesto.

Thank you again for your ideas. Let me assure you that our team will be considering your priorities and suggestions carefully.

Sincerely yours,

Dara Murphy

EPP Vice-President and Campaign Director for the 2019 European Elections