



External Affairs & Communications

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Vice President

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The Honorable Dan Sullivan
Hart Senate Office Building, #302
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Sullivan:

On behalf of the American Chemical Society, I am writing to endorse S. 1982, the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act. ACS represents over 150,000 chemists and chemical engineers and was chartered by Congress in 1937 to provide advice on policy matters.

The American Chemical Society recognizes the importance of environmental sustainability and believes the chemistry enterprise must provide leadership in advancing the science and technology that will guide humanity with a sustainable path into the future. Addressing the issue of plastic waste is a global challenge, requiring a broad set of solutions. Ultimately, moving towards a circular economy and meeting the needs of present generations without compromising future generations should underlie both economic and environmental policymaking.

S.1982 makes an important step in improving the sustainability of both the plastics industry and our global ocean ecosystems. By boosting domestic resources towards infrastructure development, ocean clean-up, and waste reduction, Save Our Seas 2.0 will build on the success of the original legislation. Furthermore, enhanced commitment to international cooperation is essential to addressing a truly global problem. We are particularly enthusiastic about efforts to boost public awareness and increase investment in research to reduce marine debris.

I want to thank you for your bold efforts to address this global crisis, and we look forward to working with you to ensure the passage of Save Our Seas 2.0. Should you have any questions, or should ACS and its members be able to help provide advice or counsel, please do not hesitate to contact Carl Maxwell at c_maxwell@acs.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn S. Ruskin".

Glenn S. Ruskin

CC:

The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici