

Dear Governor,

As a governor of a state bordering the ocean, I am writing to you to ask you to oppose and even outlaw the creation of Octopus aquaculture which describes the captive-raising of octopuses and commercial sale of their meat. I ask that you read **The Case Against Octopus Farming** written by scientists that make the case as to why building octopus farms is such a bad idea ethically and environmentally.

Like millions of people around the world, I watched **My Octopus Teacher**, the Oscar-winning documentary that introduced us to the unique characteristics of the octopus, including their intelligence and curiosity.

The idea of subjecting these magnificent creatures to such deplorable conditions and killing over 1 million Octopuses per year just so wealthy individuals can eat a delicacy is something that we need to put a line in the sand and say no.

Both the states of Washington and California have bills working through Congress to ban Octopus Farming. The only known octopus farm in the United States — Kanaloa Octopus Farm on Hawaii's Big Island — has been permanently shut down.

From Strom Peterson who wrote bill for the State of Washington:

Octopus farming leads to suffering and sickness for one of the more intelligent and feeling animals in our oceans. It can lead to huge environmental and ecological effects as well. Octopus farming is harmful to the animals and the environment and is unnecessary. It's time to move on."

Thank you for your consideration of the research on the issue. We are confident that given the ethical and environmental concerns that you will agree that we need to leave octopus in the oceans and not create more problems with these huge concentrations of farmed animals that can be a significant threat the wild species and ecosystems in the regions such aquaculture occurs.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Signature: _____

