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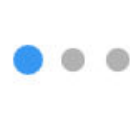
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# TAKING ACTION



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the.green.queens Did you know that everyday, 500 million straws are used in the US alone? In fact, by 2050, if we don't bring change, there will be more plastic in our oceans than fish! Additionally, every year, there are millions of seabirds that die from ingesting plastic items and the most common ones are plastic straws from juice boxes. 90% of all seabirds have eaten pieces of plastic, which causes them to starve. This number is only going to increase! Today, we went to 3 different locations in order to see how many straws were being used and to inform others to stop the use of them! We went to Shake Shack, Starbucks, and Au Bon Pain to help obtain a deeper understanding of the how often straws are wasted! Spending 15 minutes at each location observing from a table, we counted a total of 39 straws being thrown out and 52 being used! Together, let's #stopsucking and spread the word! #PGC2017 @turninggreenorg If we tagged you, we want you to accept this challenge to #stopsucking !!

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rolandlee\_photo Wow! I never knew we used this many straws! I accept the challenge.

the.green.queens To accept this challenge go to this link ( <https://stopsucking.strawlessocean.org/i/6d rvfbs> ) or click on the link in our bio!

Au Bon Pain Shake Shack Starbucks





# Getting Active!



**YOUR CHALLENGE CODE**  
**6DRVFBS**

# of Challenges Accepted: 67

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We created our own unique URL in order  
to spread the #stopsucking campaign!  
Over 60 people accepted our challenge  
to stop using harmful plastic straws!

<https://stopsucking.strawlessocean.org/i/6drvfbs>

**WE DECIDED TO THINK BIGGER BY DOING TWO THINGS! FIRST, WE DECIDED TO EMAIL OUR LOCAL CHIPOTLE RESTAURANT THROUGH THEIR WEBSITE. BUT WE DIDN'T STOP THERE! TO TAKE THIS ANOTHER STEP, WE DECIDED TO SEND AN EMAIL TO OUR REPRESENTATIVES TO ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE. BELOW ARE OUR EMAILS**

**To Chipotle:**

**Hello,**

**My name is Rachelle Lee and I am a student from Jericho High School, close to where your restaurant is located. My friend Sarah and I are writing to you today to advocate for plastic straws to be banned throughout our community.! Our first step in this mission is by reaching out to others, which includes your restaurant, which I love! But what I don't love is the use of plastic straws.**

**Plastic straws are one of the leading causes of plastic pollution in our oceans. Everyday, 500 million straws are used in the US alone. In fact, by 2050, if we don't bring change, there will be more plastic in our oceans than fish! Millions of seabirds are killed everyday from ingesting these plastic straws!**

**Instead of using plastic straws, we can look towards alternative, eco friendly products such as reusable straws that can be made from bamboo!**

**Let's ban plastic straws from our community and put a stop to plastic pollution together!**

**Sincerely,  
Sarah Siddiqui and Rachelle Lee**

**We sent this email to our representative, Mr. Thomas Suozzi, advocating plastic straws to be banned!**

**Hello,**

**My name is Sarah Siddiqui, and I'm a sophomore from Jericho High School. Recently, my friend Rachelle and I discovered how harmful plastic straws that are used every day are! For example, everyday, 500 million straws are used in the US alone! To make matters worse, these straws are ending up in our oceans, polluting our water and killing our seabirds and fishes. If we don't act now, by 2050 there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish.**

**Thus, Rachelle and I are writing today to ask you to support a ban on plastic straws to help curb this problem.**

**This is a huge environmental problem. Not only are these straws harming our oceans, but they also take hundreds of years to break down and aren't biodegradable! They are also a huge source of plastic pollution!**

**In Seattle, plastic straws have already been banned in all major venues. Let's stand alongside them.**

**Please support a ban on plastic straws today!**

**Sincerely,  
Sarah and Rachelle**