

To: Committee on Energy and Commerce
From: Oceana
Re: Poll: 8 in 10 American Voters Support a National Policy Reducing Single-Use Plastic
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In February 2022, Oceana released the [results of a nationwide poll](#) revealing that 81% of American voters support national, state, and local policies that reduce single-use plastic. The vast majority of registered voters reported being concerned about plastic pollution, and there is widespread bipartisan support for policies that reduce the use of single-use plastic products, including plastic bags, foam foodware, takeout containers, and packaging from online shopping.

The national online poll, conducted by the nonpartisan polling company Ipsos, surveyed 1,005 American adults from across the U.S. between Nov. 5 and 9, 2021.

Key findings among surveyed registered voters include:

- 84% are concerned about plastic pollution and its impact on the environment and our oceans.
- 86% are concerned about single-use plastic products.
- 81% support national policies that reduce single-use plastic.
- 81% support local and state policies that reduce single-use plastic.
- Registered voters support policies that reduce the use of specific single-use items, including plastic bags (74%), foam foodware (73%), takeout containers (73%), plastic packaging from online shopping (73%), beverage bottles (72%), food wrappers (71%), and straws (68%).
- 77% agree that companies need to stop producing and using so much single-use plastic.
- 78% agree that companies should offer them plastic-free options.
- 78% agree the United States has a responsibility to reduce its contribution to the global plastic pollution problem.
 - Republicans and Democrats were both overwhelmingly concerned about plastic pollution and had widespread support for policies that reduce single-use plastic products:
 - 93% of Democrats and 78% of Republicans are concerned about single-use plastic products.
 - 93% of Democrats and 74% of Republicans are concerned about plastic pollution and its impact on the environment and our oceans.
 - 91% of Democrats and 71% of Republicans support local and state policies that reduce single-use plastic.
 - 92% of Democrats and 69% of Republicans support national policies that reduce single-use plastic.

These results show that Americans are worried about the unnecessary plastic choking our oceans and want real policy change on the national level. The good news is the U.S. already has the blueprint for change. Americans are counting on their leaders to reduce the use of single-use plastic, and the Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act would do just that by phasing out single-use plastic products and putting a pause on new plastic facilities nationwide.