

Dear (name of senator or representative) _____,

I am writing to express my support in the Shark Fin Trade Elimination Act of 2017 (S.793).

Did you know that sharks are in trouble and you can help?

An estimated 100 million sharks are killed annually. 70 million are killed for their fins, in an act called *shark finning*. 30 million are killed in fishing bycatch.

Sharks are apex predators. This means they are at the top of their food chain. They help keep balance in our ocean. Without sharks, our ocean would enter into the trophic cascade and the health of our oceans could be in grave trouble!

We can do something about this!

Please stand up for sharks by passing a federal shark fin trade ban (with no exceptions).

Our world cannot survive without healthy oceans.

Thank you,

(your name) _____

(your school) _____

(state you live in) _____

