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Senator Barbara Boxer   
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Dear Senator Barbara Boxer:  
  
I am writing you this letter out of concern for plastic water bottles. I feel it is a product we do not need. They are one of the main causes of marine debris and take up space in our landfills which increases air pollution. With the population growing, so does our waste.   
  
I am sure you are well aware of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, also known as the North Pacific Subtropical Gyre that is mostly made up of plastic. Because of this, many marine animals are becoming intoxicated and ultimately humans could be at risk from consuming fish. Sea Education Association estimates that there are 21,290 metric tons of plastic particles that are currently floating in the gyre. Knowing that our plastics are going into the ocean where they do not biodegrade is a serious issue when they could easily be recycled. Unfortunately, the California Department of Conservation states that a billion water bottles are ending up in the trash each year, which means that 3 million empty water bottles are being thrown in the trash every day. We need to put an end to this ongoing pollution by banning the sale of water bottles in California.  
  
On your website, I have found that you are very passionate about the environment and are a ranking member of the United States Senate’s Committee on Environment and Public Works. I hope you agree that banning the sale of water bottles in California would be very beneficial to our ecosystem.   
  
Sincerely,   
  
  
Katrina Sayavanh