

TO: Jeff Bezos

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Greetings Mr. Bezos:

I am emailing today to request that Amazon be fully transparent about its use of plastic packaging and take company-wide action to reduce it.

Plastic is everywhere in our oceans, from the sea surface to our beaches and coastline, to the deepest depths of the Mariana Trench. Sea turtles choke to death trying to eat plastic bags, wraps, and coverings, mistaking such pollution for jellyfish. A recent study found that 100% of sea turtle species have ingested or become entangled in plastic.

The kind of plastic packaging typically used by Amazon – plastic film – is difficult to recycle. As Amazon itself writes, most curbside recycling programs in the United States do not accept it. Too often, this kind of plastic ends up landfilled, burned, or pollutes the environment, including the ocean.

I know that Amazon can reduce its use of plastic packaging as it has recently in Europe and India. At Amazon's Annual Meeting on May 25th, 2022, 48.9% of Amazon shareholders voted to back a resolution that asked the company to issue a report disclosing how much plastic packaging it uses and a plan for how to reduce it. And I agree – Amazon needs to stop dodging its plastic problem and reduce its plastic packaging footprint worldwide.

Please be fully transparent about Amazon's global plastic packaging footprint, and take immediate, company-wide action to reduce it.

Respectfully,