SHARK SAVERS

I'm FINished WITH FINS

To the _____ State Legislature,
(State name)

Please ban the sale, trade, possession and distribution of shark fins.

Shark conservation is vital for healthy oceans. As apex predators, sharks are critically important to ocean balance. Recent studies indicate that regional elimination of sharks can have disastrous effects further down the food chain including fisheries collapse and negatively impacted reefs.

The shark fin trade is decimating shark populations worldwide. Sharks face an urgent threat: relentless over-fishing to feed demand for their highly valuable fins. Scientists estimate that tens of millions sharks are killed each year for the shark fin trade. The International Union for the Conservation Nature (IUCN) states that approximately 1/3 of all shark species are on the path to extinction. With demand exceeding supply, coupled with their slow reproduction, many shark populations are quickly disappearing from our oceans.

A shark fin trade bans in our state will address global and local issues of sustainability and ocean health. The federal ban on shark finning in U.S. / Canadian waters is a positive step in ocean resources management but does not address the on-going global decimation of shark populations in international waters. A shark fin trade bin will enable our State / Province to cease being a participant in the worldwide elimination of sharks by stopping shark fin consumption and distribution in our state/province.

We, the undersigned residents of _____ State, request that you work to ban the sale, trade, possession and distribution of shark fins here. We would like to join Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, California, Illinois, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, French Polynesia, the Bahamas, and most of Micronesia, the states, territories, and countries that have already banned the shark fin trade to protect the oceans and its sharks. Thank you.

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