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Dear Mr Johnson,

I am writing to you because I am deeply concerned for the future of shark species around the world. Shark numbers are decreasing at a rapid rate. One of the main reasons for this is shark finning. Shark finning involves catching sharks and slicing off their fins so that they can be sold in supermarkets and restaurants around the world. Here are some reasons why governments around the world must work together to help protect sharks.

Sharks have the right to live and not suffer in the hands of humans. Shark finning is clearly an extremely cruel practice. Once sharks are caught, their fins are sliced off and they are often thrown back into the sea, where they either drown or bleed to death.

The presence of sharks is essential to the existence of healthy marine ecosystems. By removing them, food chains become out of balance and biodiversity decreases dramatically.

Sharks have helped humans in many ways. An understanding of sharks has helped with advances in medicine, sport and engineering. For example, because sharks rarely fall ill, a study of sharkskin led to the creation of an antibacterial spray that has helped millions of people avoid being infected by harmful viruses.

Please do what you can to help shark populations. I would love to hear back from you.

Yours faithfully,

Chester Burrows