Dear Mr./Mrs. XX,

My name is XX, with XX/or based in XX. I am writing to you with an urgent request. On behalf of the Southern Resident Orca’s, we need your support! Despite being protected under numerous laws and policies, their numbers and health continues to decline. This is because even though they are “protected” they do not have a legal right to life. As a result, we have collectively decided upon recovery efforts with human benefit and short-term profit in mind.

In light of the Trump administration’s moves to rollback protections even more under the Endangered Species Act, the time is now to implement a new solution. Communities around the Salish Sea and the world support recognizing in law the Orcas rights to life. Both San Francisco and Malibu have passed similar resolutions on the rights of whales and dolphins in their coastal waters. The declaration and petition in support of can be found [here](http://legalrightsforthesalishsea.org/petition/) with 1,333 signatures.

For more information, please see our [FAQ](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/55914fd1e4b01fb0b851a814/t/5c465d2f4fa51abcc0b4e7bb/1548115250324/ELC+SRKW+FAQ+FINAL.pdf). I hope you will sponsor the declaration and introduce it to the city/ town council/ county board of supervisors/ state.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michelle Bender, at Earth Law Center. She is coordinating our campaign and can also be reached at (509) 219-9338 or [mbender@earthlaw.org](mailto:mbender@earthlaw.org).

Thank you for considering this request,

[your name and contact information]