

Mr. President:

Americans support your stand against whaling!

Dear President Bush:

Your leadership in the fight to end commercial killing of whales by Japan and Norway has never been more needed. We thank you for upholding this nation's strong anti-whaling stance, a position shared by the last four American Presidents.



Today, America's global leadership on this issue is more important than ever.

Japan recently announced its plan to begin importing whale meat from Norway, defying a global ban on such trade. Japan also announced its intention to expand its deadly whale hunt under the guise of "scientific research," and that it will kill 50 endangered sei whales this year in addition to the other protected whale species it already kills annually.

Mr. President, with strong U.S. leadership, the international community can reverse Japanese and Norwegian attempts to resume full-scale industrial whaling and reopen the whale meat trade. We urge you to assert U.S.

leadership, including immediate diplomatic pressure, in opposing further commercial and so called "scientific research" whaling, before the International Whaling Commission (IWC) meets next month in Shimonoseki, Japan.

Your personal leadership in this cause has over-

whelming support across party lines.

Nationwide polling conducted last year by Market Strategies, Inc. showed more than 80 percent of American voters approve of high-level U.S. government officials speaking out against whaling by Japan and Norway. Three out of four Americans would support diplomatic pressure and a majority support measured trade sanctions against the two countries if they continue commercial whaling.

No other world leader can halt this renewed threat to some of the world's most endangered marine mammals.

We appreciate your continued commitment to saving these magnificent creatures.

