



September XX, 2011

Honorable Edmund G. Brown
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown,

We are writing as representatives of California's culinary community to ask for your support of Assembly Bill 376. Your enactment of AB376 will acknowledge the importance of the continued existence of the shark species to maintain healthy ocean ecosystems, which in turn, can sustainably provide for generations to come.

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature has concluded that a third of shark species are now threatened with extinction of some kind. And recent estimates state that up to 73 million sharks are killed each year for use in shark fin soup.

We are encouraged by an influx of customers and clients, representing all age groups and cultural backgrounds, expressing their concern over the cruel and unnecessary practice of finning. We, the undersigned, have all pledged to never serve shark fin soup and are committed to promoting unique culinary alternatives and to raising awareness about this important issue.

We urge you to sign AB 376 and join us in creating a more sustainable future for sharks and our marine ecosystems.

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