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Dear Cleveland City Council,

Thank you for passing the balloon release ban ordinance! At a time when communities are facing the challenge of trying to manage waste at a local level your affirmative vote of the balloon release ban ordinance is much appreciated.

Balloon releases pose an environmental hazard, particularly to Lake Erie. The Council's legislation shows that Cleveland City Council is willing to be an advocate for the safety of Cleveland residents as well as our local environment. The Sierra Club is the oldest and largest environmental grassroots organization with over 100,000 members and supporters here in Ohio. We are excited to share this win for the environment with our members and supporters, and let them know that we can count on Cleveland City Council to be good stewards of the vast natural resources here.

As we celebrate this exciting milestone for environmental legislation here in Cleveland, we know there is still work to be done. We hope for your continued dedication and support to legislation that protects our community and our environment as we strive to make Cleveland a happy and healthy place to live.

Sincerely,

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