

Good day,

I am writing a letter in support of stopping the use of fireworks as a way to celebrate.

Over the years, we have learned that fireworks release toxic chemicals and heavy metals into our ecosystems and into our bodies. We cannot have well people on a sick planet.

We didn't know this when they were invented hundreds of years ago. People all over the world revel in their use, as did I before I learned about their toxicity. They have become an expectation at all kinds of events. A massive expense for event planners, countries, cities, and neighbourhoods.

We also know the unintended consequences on wildlife from fireworks' sound pollution. These will be reviewed in-depth, I'm sure. Our beloved domestic animals suffer shock and fear from explosions they have no way of understanding as nonviolent.

Add on people we care about who have PTSD from similar explosions and the injuries that occur when fireworks are used unsafely or malfunction.

Essentially, when a society learns that something has overwhelming evidence that indicates it has more cons than pros, it is wise to shift away from it.

There will be people who don't care about these reasons. Or people who can't imagine special events without explosions. They will attempt to disparage reasonable argument in favour of the status quo.

New technology has shown that we can create spectacular shows using more benign methods. Humans are very creative and we can design less destructive ways to celebrate.

I once loved fireworks as much as anyone else. I know we can do better now. We can stop using fireworks.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Be well,

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