



**Christy Leavitt**  
**Plastics Campaign Director, Oceana**

Christy Leavitt is Oceana's plastics campaign director, overseeing the organization's U.S. initiatives to fight the plastic pollution crisis and curb its devastating impacts on our oceans. In this role, Leavitt leads Oceana's national field team, policy experts and scientists in advocating for federal, state and local policies that reduce the production and use of single-use plastics. She also drives the campaign's efforts to establish plastic-free zones in public and private institutions. During her time at Oceana, Leavitt has been featured in numerous news outlets and testified before state and Congressional committees about the need for companies to stop producing so much unnecessary plastic and to create government policies to ensure they do so.

Leavitt has advocated and organized for strong environmental policies at the national, state and local levels for more than two decades. Prior to joining Oceana, she worked at Environment America, most recently directing the organization's environmental defense campaign to defend federal protections for the country's public lands, climate, oceans and water.

Leavitt's previous positions with Environment America included field director, federal clean water advocate and partnerships director. In these roles, she ran national campaigns, lobbied federal decision makers, built strong coalitions and engaged new allies, researched and wrote reports on water and air pollution, and was featured in news stories by outlets such as Associated Press and USA Today.

Earlier in her career, Leavitt worked with college students training them to be effective activists and organizers as director of Free The Planet! and as a campus organizer with Student PIRGs.

She graduated cum laude from Occidental College with a bachelor's degree in American Studies.