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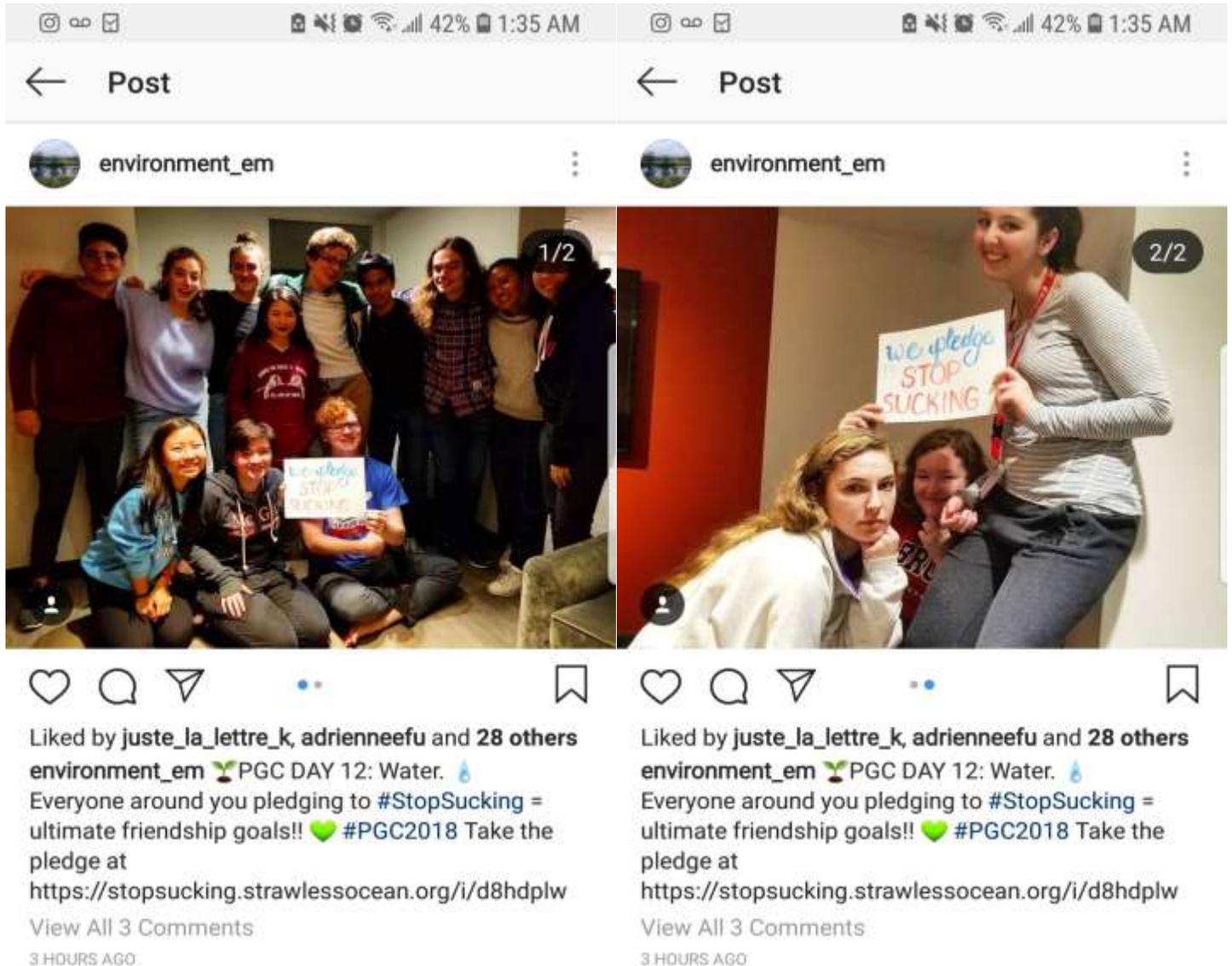
Think

According to [CNN](#), Americans throw away half a billion plastic straws every day, which is enough to circle the Earth *2.5 times*. We use each straw literally *one time* before tossing it. Just think about the sheer number of straws people receive *every single day* in your smoothies, iced coffee, milkshakes, etc. Many of these straws end up breaking into micro-plastics, contaminating our oceans and waterways. It is predicted that by 2050, the amount of plastic in the oceans will out weight the amount of fish! To get rid of this abomination, we're asking you to join the [#StopSucking](#) campaign for this challenge. They are working to get rid of plastic straws to save our oceans!

Challenge

- **Get Informed:** Watch Lonely Whale and Adrian Grenier's Strawless Ocean Campaign <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CAghM1HFyrE> and learn about the #StopSuckingCampaign and why straws should be banned.
- You now know how bad straws are and how easy it is to live without them. This challenge invites you to make a personal commitment to self to stop using straws.
 - Done! Totally on board with this!!
- Take a look at Lonely Whale's [#StopSucking](#) campaign and upload responses to steps 1, 2 and 3 on their website. Here's how to get started:
 - **Step 1:** Accept the challenge and make your own unique challenge URL [here](#).
 - **My link:** <https://stopsucking.strawlessocean.org/i/d8hdplw>

- **Step 2: Share the #StopSucking campaign on your social media platform of choice and challenge at least 5 friends to join. Tag us on Facebook @TurningGreen, on Twitter @TurningGreenOrg, and on Instagram @TurningGreenOrg and use #PGC2018 and tag**



Lonely Whale.

- **Step 3: Use your URL code to see who has accepted your challenge**
 - Hopefully in a few days' time I'll have many people to have accepted the challenge online! At least I have many in-person committers to the challenge 😊
- **Upload to us, your personal commitment, a series of photos documenting your journey and the acceptances from 5 friends to #StopSucking.**

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- *For photos, see above attached pictures of the in-person pledges of 15 people!!!*
- Personal commitment: I personally commit to influencing people around me to give up their addiction to single-use plastic straws. I want to open up the dialogue surrounding the general uselessness of single-use disposables and to engage people in discussing whether or not they think they can live without using straws. One of my tactics at my high school to discourage students from unnecessarily using plastic straws was to put the picture of the turtle with a straw up his nose *right* beside the box of straws in the cafeteria. I noticed that it was very effective.
- In my own life, I commit to no longer using plastic straws. I already rarely use straws for beverages, although I have two reusable straws – one made of stainless steel and one from a hollow branch I once broke off a tree, actually! – that I sometimes use for specific drinks.

Here is an image I painted to show to my friends and convince them to stop using plastic straws:



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