

U.S. House of Representatives

Committee on Natural Resources

Washington, DC 20515

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The President
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

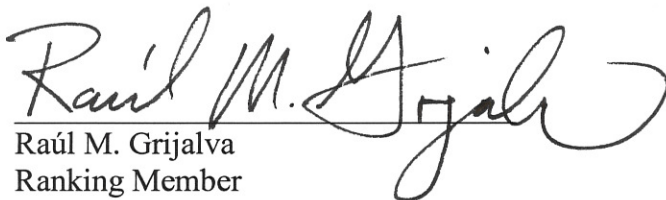
We are writing today to request that you release the report from Department of Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross regarding the review of 11 National Marine Sanctuaries and Marine National Monuments under Executive Order 13795.

We are concerned that the Administration has failed to deliver on its promise of an open process in its sweeping review of national sites that are of great public interest. These are waters that belong to the American people, as should the report itself.

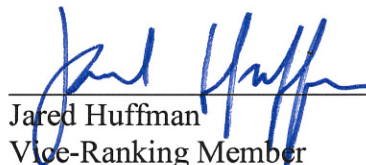
The review process lacked any transparency, despite false claims that the original monument and sanctuary designations and expansions did not involve the public. To our knowledge, the only public engagement in this review involved the nearly 100,000 public comments received by the Department of Commerce. These commenters deserve to have their ideas considered and all Americans deserve an Administration that is fully accountable for its actions.

It seems as though the review process and the Secretary's report are being hidden from stakeholders across the country. This secrecy creates uncertainty for communities and businesses that depend on healthy oceans and coasts. Rather than creating another example of behind-closed-doors government bureaucracy, we respectfully ask that you provide all information relating to the Secretary's review and report.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member
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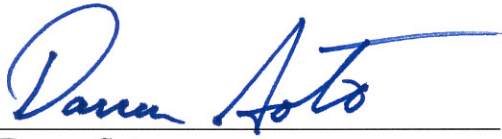
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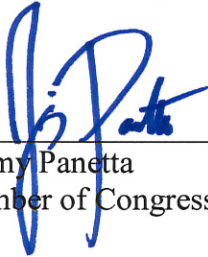
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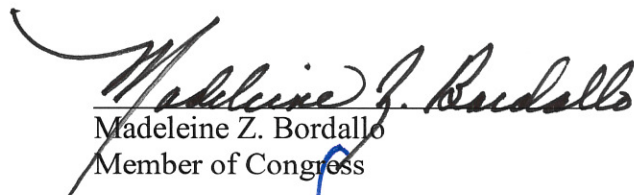
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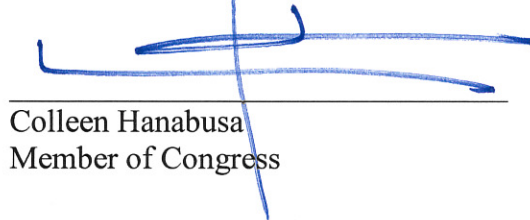
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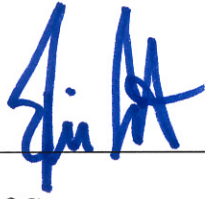
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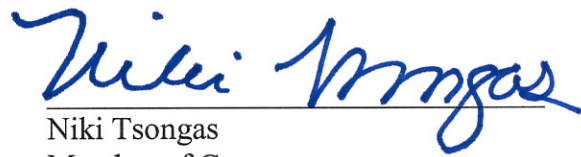
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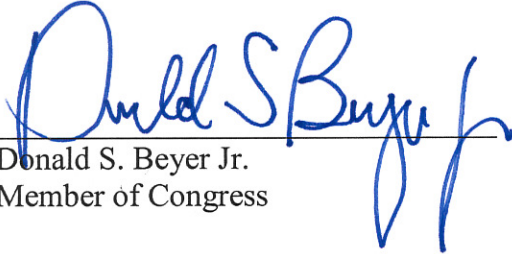
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