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Committee on Natural Resources
Washington, DC 20515

The President
The White House
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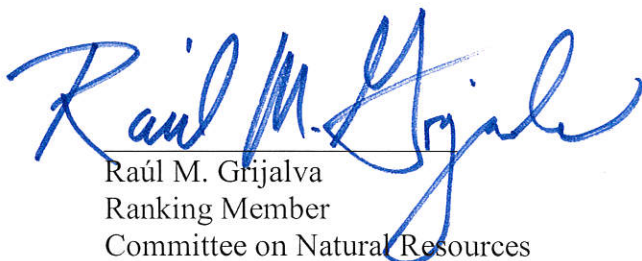
Dear Mr. President:

We are writing today to express our grave concern over the executive order you issued earlier this week requiring federal agencies to, among other things, identify at least two regulations to be repealed when proposing a new regulation. Setting aside our general concern that managing our federal regulatory system as if it were a children's game is irresponsible, this order, coupled with your earlier action to implement a regulatory freeze, could have devastating impacts on commercial and recreational fisheries and the businesses and communities they support.

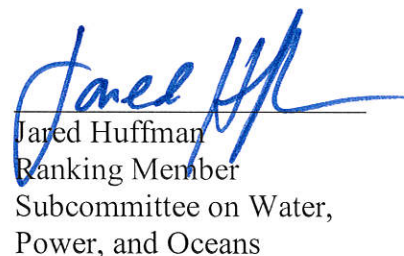
All fisheries that take place in federal waters require regulatory action to open and close seasons, set catch limits, modify conservation and management measures, or adjust participation eligibility requirements. In many cases, multiple regulations must be enacted each year for a single fishery and that is a good thing – American fishermen depend on active, science-based management to ensure that their individual operations and their industry are economically and environmentally sustainable.

The ability of the National Marine Fisheries Service to promulgate regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Act and other authorities is the reason the United States has the most responsibly managed fisheries in the world. We urge you to rescind these executive orders immediately and eliminate political interference with the processes that help commercial and charter fishermen earn their livelihoods, and allow recreational anglers access to well-managed stocks.

Sincerely,



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