

Dear President Trump,
CC: Members of Congress

We are writing to you today because as citizens and as local elected officials, we love our oceans and our coasts. From whale watching to walks on the beach; seafood dinners to sailing expeditions, the ocean is a huge part of what makes our communities great.

The Atlantic is appreciated by residents and visitors alike. It is a vibrant ecosystem that is vital to many endangered and vulnerable species, including whales, dolphins, sea turtles and deep-sea coral. It is essential to our global food system, and central to the culture of our communities. The ocean provides incredible recreational experiences and critical economic opportunities.

We need to keep the Atlantic and all our oceans clean; the whales, sea turtles, fish, corals and other species that inhabit them healthy; and the communities that depend on them vibrant.

Protecting our oceans and coasts means staying off current and future threats like: ocean acidification and habitat loss, offshore drilling and seismic testing, pollution and underfunding of the agencies and institutions that are designed to ensure the health of our oceans.

As representatives of the coastal communities we are doing our part to protect our oceans, but we cannot do it alone. This is why we are calling on you to stand up for our oceans and coasts by:

- preventing offshore-drilling and seismic testing off our coasts;
- protecting our ocean habitats from harm; and
- fully-funding NOAA and other agencies that work to manage and protect our ocean resources.

Together, we can keep our ocean clean and safe for the creatures that call it home, for our communities to flourish, and for our families and future generations to enjoy.

Sincerely,

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