The Ocean Management Task Force has received the following form letter from a number of individuals. The text of this letter is below, followed by a list of senders; this list will be updated regularly.

Dear Chairwoman Tierney,

As a citizen of the Commonwealth I am deeply concerned with the current state and future health of Massachusetts' ocean life. Recent stories about the collapse of many of our marine fish populations, the dire state of right whale populations, and damage done to bottom habitats by some fishing practices are extremely troubling.

I commend Governor Romney for taking a proactive approach in launching the Massachusetts Ocean Management Initiative to better protect and manage our living ocean resources. I also commend the Commonwealth's Ocean Management Task Force for its recently released Draft Principles and Preliminary Recommendations for carrying out the Governor's initiative.

While I support all of the principles and recommendations, I very much appreciate the Task Force's confirmation that our ocean resources are a public trust that should be managed and protected on an ecosystem basis for the benefit of all current and future citizens of the Commonwealth. I support the first recommendation for the enactment of a new comprehensive Ocean Resources Management Act. I especially support the recommendations that state agencies be empowered to designate special areas to protect marine species and habitats. Also important are the Task Force's recommendations to update Ocean Sanctuary regulations, encourage public involvement in decision-making, and increase coordination with all levels of government.

As the Task Force finalizes its Principles and Recommendations I recommend that they not in any way be weakened from their current form.

Sincerely,

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