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Mr. Dan Basta, Director  
United States Dept. Of Commerce - NOAA  
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Dear Mr. Basta:

You should by now be in receipt of a copy of a letter sent by the Monterey City Council to Congressman Sam Farr. This letter asks the Congressman to join with other members of Congress who may have an interest in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) to hold their own public hearings in the Monterey Bay area on the MBNMS Management Plan Review. These hearings would be in addition to the public scoping meetings planned by the MBNMS. Their purpose would be to let the members of Congress hear first hand of the positive accomplishments of the Sanctuary Program and also hear from local citizens of any concerns that they may have. As I am sure you are aware, when the Sanctuary was in its designation process, our Congressman was heavily involved in working with NOAA and the various local communities in working out the agreements and compromises necessary to gain widespread local acceptance of the idea of a federally managed sanctuary.

It is on the point of the original consensus building that occurred ten years ago that I ask for your further assistance. It will be vitally important that some time be spent identifying and understanding the original goals and agreements that lead to the support for the program by our community. Once understood, the direction that the Sanctuary Program has taken over the past years should be weighed, along with future directions which may be proposed by citizens during the scoping process. The agricultural and fishing communities, the harbors, the business community, and local governments all had their own understanding as to how the MBNMS would relate to them. I hope that the City of Monterey can work directly with you and MBNMS Superintendent Douros in identifying these issues. In my opinion, the Sanctuary Program should fully and openly acknowledge the original consensus building that occurred and use that as the cornerstone of the management Plan Review.

Thank you for considering these thoughts. I look forward to working with you during this important plan review process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Albert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dan" being more prominent than the last name "Albert".

Dan Albert  
Mayor

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