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Bill Douros, Superintendent
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299 Foam Street
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Dear Mr. Douros and Ms. Harlan,

This letter is in regard to the meeting of the Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting tomorrow night July 31 in Cambria, which I am unable to attend.

The extension of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary beyond its present border in Cambria, south to Morro bay is of the utmost importance to the health of our Ocean and therefore the discussion of this topic should be of the highest priority. I worked as a Friend of the Elephant Seals docent for many years giving me first-hand knowledge of the importance of marine sanctuaries.

The vocal minority have spread false information and given the impression that the community at large is apathetic regarding the Sanctuary. This is far from the truth. Speaking for myself and having first-hand knowledge of the views of many others the opposite is actually the reality. Many individuals understand and appreciate that our very existence is tied to the health of our oceans. The majority are in favor of expansion of the Sanctuary.

Please make this letter available to other council members so my voice can be heard.

Sincerely,

Mahala Burton

