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Ms. Nancy Kampas, Chair
Cruise Ship Environmental Task Force
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
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Dear Chair Kampas:

I would like to express my grave concern regarding the negative impacts that cruise ships can have on water quality in the State of California, and in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary in particular.

I am concerned about the environmental impacts that the release of cruise ship waste discharges, including black water, gray water, treated sanitary wastewater, bilge water, ballast water, oily waste, chemical, medical, and hazardous and solid wastes, would have on California's coastal waters. While I am pleased to hear that the International Council of Cruise Lines are now voluntarily withholding any discharge four miles out, I believe the cruise ship industry's history of illegal dumping clearly demonstrates the need for strict monitoring and regulation.

It is my understanding that the Cruise Ship Environmental Task Force will be producing a cumulative report to the Legislature on the effects of cruise ships by June 2003. Given the significance of California's diverse marine ecosystems, and the potential environmental impacts the release of cruise ship waste waters could have on our marine environment, I strongly encourage the Cruise Ship Environmental Task Force to institute a zero waste discharge policy for both state waters and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, when it reports back to the Legislature in June 2003. Should you have any questions, you can reach me at (831) 425-1503. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Keeley", written over a horizontal line.

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