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Dear Mr. Kaiser:

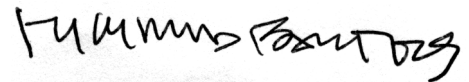
As coastal New Jersey residents, we are writing this letter in reference to recent propositions of NOAA that could bring changes to regulations regarding the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) that would severely limit states ability to review and judge projects or activities impacting their coastal waters or natural resources.

We strongly oppose any changes that would limit the state of New Jersey's rights to protect the ocean and the coast from federal projects that could result in environmentally destructive activities such as ocean dumping, sand mining and oil exploration.

It is only within the last ten years that we have observed a marked improvement in ocean water quality with a positive ecological impact. This development is due to the efforts of our state legislature, federally elected officials, and the governor's office, to monitor activities regarding legal use of these areas.

As registered voters and responsible citizens of the state of New Jersey, we will continue to follow the alarming development concerning future federal legislation.

Sincerely,



Richard and Judith Bartels

CC: Clean Ocean Action
Gov. Jim Mc Greevey

