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James D. Watkins, Chair
Admiral, U. S. Navy (Retired)
U. S. Commission on Ocean Policy
1120 20th Street, NW, Suite 200N
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Chairman Watkins:

I appreciate the opportunity to review the Governor's Draft of the Preliminary Report of the U. S. Commission on Ocean Policy. I would like to compliment the commission for their foresight, comprehension and thoroughness regarding the challenges facing the world's oceans.

I recognize the importance of oceans to all life on Earth. I am aware that people's actions can have an impact on the oceans. My staff within the various departments of state government reviewed the report. Based on this review, I have no substantive information to supply.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this important action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Olene S. Walker".

Olene S. Walker
Governor

