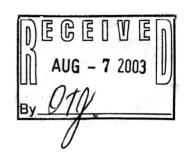
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August 1, 2003

Mr. David Kaiser
Federal Consistency Coordinator
Coastal Programs Division, Office of Ocean & Coastal Resource Management
NOAA
1305 East-West Highway, 11th Floor
Silver Spring, MD 20901

Dear Mr. Kaiser,

It is my understanding that there are changes being proposed in laws that protect the ocean and I am contacting you to voice my opinion. I strongly object to the proposed changes and I want the existing CZMA rules to remain intact.

It is critical that a state's ability to review projects remain inclusive, with free access to additional information, adequate timelines to process such information, and deference in making final determinations.

I am a third generation citizen of New Jersey and am proud of the work that organizations such as Clean Ocean Action has done in the past 19 years to protect the ocean and rally citizens together to collectively voice our opinions. I have noticed improvement in the quality of the water in the past 5-10 years, largely due to the efforts of Clean Ocean Action and supportive legislators that have passed laws that close dumping sites and enact laws that protect the ocean.

I pray that you and your colleagues listen to the voices of the citizens of New Jersey.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Ross

cc Clean Ocean Action, PO Box 505, Highlands, NJ 07732

cc The Honorable James McGreevey, State House, PO Box 001, Trenton, NJ 08625-0001