

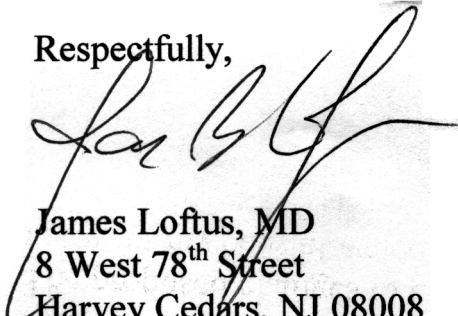
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Mr. David Kaiser
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Dear Mr. Kaiser:

As a resident of coastal New Jersey, I am vehemently opposed to the devastating changes proposed by the NOAA in the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA). The coastal states need to retain their ability to oppose (or accept) proposed activities that affect their coastal waters. I do not want federal projects that could result in environmentally destructive activities, like ocean dumping, sand mining and especially oil exploration. The proposed changes to CZMA would make opposition impossible. I do not want my coastal waters beholden to politically connected (corrupt) representatives in Washington, DC. The only beneficiaries of this legislation are big oil, industry and the politicians that take money from both.

Respectfully,


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