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Mr. David Kaiser  
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Dear Mr. Kaiser:

I have lived on Long Beach Island for many years. Since ocean dumping and other abuses have ended the ocean is obviously cleaner. We in New Jersey have fought long and hard to get the ocean clean again. We do not want to go back to the way it was for any reason. The resource is just too precious to us and to future generations. For this reason I would like to voice my objection to any change in the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) that would limit the ability of any coastal states to review and to judge any and all projects or activities impacting their coastal waters or natural resources. The present law permits coastal states to review and to comment on proposed changes and seek additional information. The states have the ability to go to court to appeal a decision or seek to stop the activity. This must remain.

Our ocean has become beautiful again. We strongly support the protection of this valuable and magnificent natural resource.

Sincerely,



Thomas J DeBenedictis, M.D.

CC. Governor Mc Greevey  
Clean Ocean Action