

November 2, 2009

Hon. Nick Rahall II, Chairman
House committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chaiman Rahall,

I am writing today as a business owner in American Samoa in support of the American Samoa Protection of Industries Resources and Employment Act, which is currently before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources.

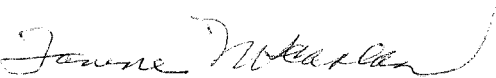
I have reviewed ASPIRE, and I understand that this proposal will increase direct delivery of fish to American Samoa and will lead to tuna processors maintaining a presence on the island.

I own Morris Scanlan Service, Inc. which has been in business for 40 years. I have seen the growth of the canneries here in American Samoa and witnessed its immense contribution to our island's economy. My business would not have been able to grow and prosper without the canneries presence in American Samoa and will not be able to sustain its current level of prosperity if the cannaries leave.

I fear not only will I have to lay off employees but the costs of operating my business will skyrocket, not to mention the cost of living for all Samoans. Increases in the cost of shipping, utilities and fuel are sure to accompany the departure of the fishing industries.

As an American Samoan business owner, and an American Samoan citizen, I urge you to ensure ASPIRE becomes law.

Sincerely,



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