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Dear Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Gallant, Mr. McNulty, Mr. Uniack, Mr. Marx, Mr. Gleysteen, Ms. Mackrow, and Mr. Koehler,

Thank you for your thoughtful letter addressing your concerns with the United States Navy's activity in our region. I truly appreciate you all taking the time to collectively articulate your concerns and requests on this matter.

I have and continue to believe that we must protect the natural resources and local economy of our region while also supporting the men and women who serve our country. I do not believe that these interests are mutually exclusive to one another on all counts. However, it is clear that more transparency and cooperation is needed along with additional information to justify the Navy's actions.

I value your thoughts and understand your concerns. As many of you know, I've spent a great deal of time communicating our region's concerns to the Navy and to the various agencies involved in the NEPA process. While NEPA doesn't include a step that requires agencies to "Get Approval From the Local Member of Congress," it is important to me that the agencies that *are* tasked with science-based evaluation are conducting accurate and thorough due diligence.

Given the breadth of this issue, I respectfully request the opportunity to sit down with you and some other environmental advocates in the district to discuss the points that you raise, the actions that I have taken to date, and my plan going forward. My staff will be in touch shortly to set a specific time, date, and location for the discussion.

Again, I am grateful for your time and effort to address these concerns. I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Sincerely,



Derek Kilmer
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