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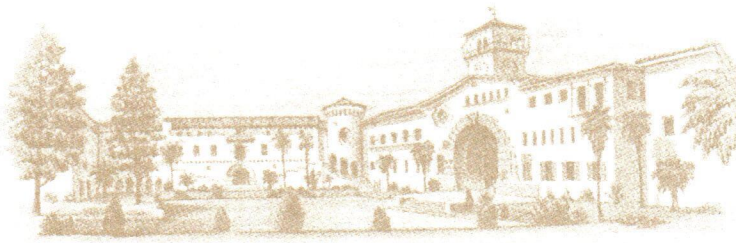
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**RE: OPPOSITION TO THE NOMINATION OF THE CHUMASH HERITAGE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY**

Dear Mr. Armor:

I am writing to you today on behalf of the residents of the Fourth District of Santa Barbara County regarding the Nomination of the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary. My district represents the City of Lompoc, Orcutt and a portion of the City of Santa Maria in County government. I am aware of the nomination for the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary (CHNMS) offshore San Luis Obispo and northern Santa Barbara Counties. As it has been presented, I cannot support the nomination of the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary moving forward.

Our coastline is thriving. Current Federal, State, and local protections, regulations and statutes in place have resulted in the prosperity of our coastal community that continues to grow and boost our local economy including tourism, our fishing industry and businesses. Protections that have been in place for decades, ones that fishermen and our agriculture community adhere to daily, are keeping the waters safe for the ocean habitat and recreational use. Our local community members have been outstanding examples of stewardship for generations by maintaining our coastline, ocean, and land. Adding additional layers of Federal regulation is unnecessary and will have negative impacts on the businesses operating in locally managed waters.

A community group called "*Our Protected Coast Coalition*" has formed to formally oppose the nomination. Comprised of concerned citizens, local fishermen, small businesses, farmers and ranchers, the group has continued to gain traction. This coalition of concerned citizens and top local industry leaders, including fishermen, who are our top economic drivers, has prompted me to take particular note of the CHNMS nomination. As more information is known about the sanctuary, I believe more people will agree to keep our local waterways under the current protections that are effectively in place.

Thank you for considering my comments and concerns regarding this nomination.

Sincerely,

**Peter Adam**

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cc: William Douros, West Coast Regional Director (via email)