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Dr. Kathryn D. Sullivan
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Dear Dr. Sullivan:

In January, NOAA released a proposal to expand the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary off the coast of the Eastern North Carolina congressional district I am privileged to represent. In conjunction with that release, your staff graciously came to my congressional office to brief my staff on the proposal. During that meeting, your staff committed to an open public process, the outcome of which would be significantly influenced by local stakeholder input.

With that in mind, I would like to make sure you and your staff are aware that two of the coastal North Carolina counties most impacted by this proposal – Dare and Carteret – passed formal resolutions opposing sanctuary expansion. I have attached copies of those resolutions for your review.

I share the concerns expressed in those resolutions, and would urge NOAA to reject its proposed expansion of the Monitor Sanctuary.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Walter B. Jones

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Member of Congress