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May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Committee on Appropriations H-307, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Ocean Ambassadors Project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Marine Mammal Center, located at 2000 Bunker Road, Sausalito, California 94965.

The funding would be used for supporting and continuing the Ocean Ambassadors program to reach approximately 2,700 students and their teachers at 10 middle schools in Contra Costa County, California. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it helps build scientific literacy and environmental stewardship of the coastal zone and develop a pipeline for the future STEM workforce.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes described in the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Mark DeSaulnier Member of Congress