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Dear Representative/Senator _____:

I am writing to request your support for the National Sea Grant Program, and ask that you support a FY2018 allocation of \$80M for Sea Grant.

The National Sea Grant College Program (Sea Grant) is a joint federal-state investment that supports the health and resilience of the Nation's coastal communities (including the Great Lakes, Gulf of Mexico and communities on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts), yielding quantifiable economic, social, and environmental benefits at the national, regional, state, and local levels. Sea Grant is a unique program within NOAA that by law sends 95% of its appropriated funds to coastal states through a competitive process to solve problems that are identified as critical by public and private sector constituents and our nation's coastal communities.

The Sea Grant Program has 100's of private sector supporters working in fields from aquaculture farmers to fisherman to coastal managers.

Fact sheets on Sea Grant [results](#) as well as information on why Sea Grant is a smart [investment](#) in our coastal economy are available on the National Sea Grant Program Website.

Sea Grant is a highly valuable program, and I urge its continuation.

Sincerely,

[Your name, affiliation, and contact information with mailing address and email]

If you work for a state or federal agency it is assumed that you are contacting federal officials on your personal time and therefore you should sign with your home mailing address and email.

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