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The Honorable Richard C. Shelby
Chairman, Subcommittee on
Commerce, Justice and Science
Senate Appropriations Committee
U.S. Senate
Capitol Building, S-146A
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on
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Senate Appropriations Committee
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Capitol Building, S-146A
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Shelby and Senator Mikulski:

As supporters, stakeholders, employees and partners of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), we are writing to thank you and your staff for the excellent allocation for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the FY 2007 Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriation bill

Your proposed investment of \$4.43 billion for NOAA would restore funding for core programs while increasing research, education and conservation activities that enhance the nation's economy, security, environment and quality of life. We are especially thankful for your generous allocation considering that the House has proposed deep cuts to NOAA that will adversely impact the important services that NOAA provides to the nation.

We appreciate your leadership and commitment to NOAA and we hope that you will continue to strongly support NOAA through full Senate consideration and conference with the House.

Sincerely,

Alaska Oceans Program
Alliance for Earth Observations
American Rivers
American Association of Port Authorities
Battelle
Bluefin Robotics
Campaign for Environmental Literacy
Columbia University
Consortium for Oceanographic Research and
Education
Environmental Defense
Fish for the Future Foundation
Fugro Pelagos, Inc
Institute for Exploration
Joint Ocean Commission Initiative
Marine Technology Society
National Aquarium Institute
National Association of Marine Laboratories
National Association of State Universities and
Land Grant Colleges
National Council for Science and the
Environment
National Federation of Regional Associations
for Coastal and Ocean Observing

National Marine Manufacturers Association
National Marine Sanctuary Foundation
National Weather Service Employees
Organization
North Carolina State University
Oceana
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Sea Grant Association
Shipbuilders Council of America
Teledyne RD Instruments
The American Association of Port Authorities
The Nature Conservancy
The Ocean Conservancy
The Ocean Foundation
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Research
University of California at Los Angeles Institute
of the Environment
University of Oklahoma
United Fishermen's Marketing Association