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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 20, 2012

The Honorable Jay Rockefeller
Chairman, Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-6125

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed please find a legislative proposal entitled "Transfer of Administration of Ocean Research Advisory Panel from the Department of the Navy to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration." This proposal is also included as section 203 in the Department of Defense (DOD) proposed legislation, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013" (NDAA for FY 2013). DOD has requested that the NDAA for FY 2013 be enacted during the second session of the 112th Congress. Commerce joins DOD in seeking Congressional support of this provision, which is consistent with the President's budget for FY 2013.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that the proposal is consistent with the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Cameron F. Kerry", is written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Cameron F. Kerry

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
Ranking Minority Member

IDENTICAL LETTERS SENT TO:

The Honorable Doc Hastings
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6201

cc: The Honorable Edward J. Markey
Ranking Minority Member

The Honorable Ralph Hall
Chairman, Committee on Science, Space
and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6301

cc: The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
Ranking Minority Member