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To: Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera and Distinguished Members of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

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Respectfully submitted

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