



January 16, 2014

The Honorable William R. Keating  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable John F. Tierney  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable James P. McGovern  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Richard E. Neal  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Stephen F. Lynch  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy, III  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Katherine Clark  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Niki Tsongas  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Michael E. Capuano  
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Representatives:

This is to extend a special and heartfelt thanks to each of you for all of your and your staffs' hard work and support for the disaster assistance funding, including sending your compelling January 7, 2014, letter of support to the House Appropriations leadership at a pivotal time during the House-Senate Conference on the FY 2014 Omnibus appropriations bill.

Given these challenging times, there is no doubt that this letter made a crucial contribution to the success of what was truly an extraordinary bicameral and bipartisan effort in the region to come to the assistance our fishermen. As you know, the situation continues to deteriorate since the disaster declaration was made in 2012 and so it is critical that these funds be used swiftly to contribute directly to the survival of our fishermen and affected shoreside small businesses. We believe that has been and must continue to be the principal purpose for these funds. We look forward to working with you to make that happen.

Thank you again for playing such an important role in this remarkable achievement. We will never forget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jackie Odell". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jackie Odell, Executive Director