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January 16, 2013

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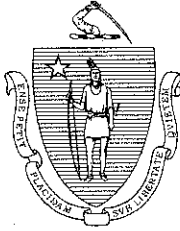
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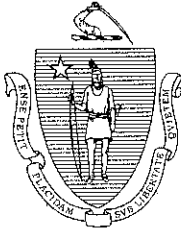
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The Honorable Barbara Mikulski
United States Senator
305 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairwoman Mikulski:

I ask you to use all efforts to preserve the senate disaster relief monies in the Federal Disaster Relief bill in order to protect our working families, small businesses and our local community.

I write this appeal to you as well as my own United States Senate delegation both as the daughter of the fishing industry as my father and my grandfather were all fishermen as well as Cape Ann's elected state representative.

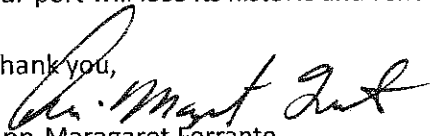
This summer when we had an occasion to meet and to speak in Cambridge, Massachusetts, I was hopeful that New England's fishing industry in particular the port of Gloucester's historic and struggling fishing industry would have an opportunity to survive given that you, the Appropriations Chair of the United States understood the devastating effects that Jane Lubchenco and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration had on fishermen, their families, their small businesses and local fishing ports.

I was further encouraged when I read that federal fisheries disaster relief was included in the federal disaster bill under the sponsorship of Senator John Kerry. I thought for a moment that this may be a turning point for our fishermen, only to be let down by the leadership of the United States House of Representatives.

Therefore, I am asking you to stand firm in the likeness of one of your mentors, Senator Ted Kennedy, who was the champion of Massachusetts Senators and to help the Massachusetts delegation of John Kerry and Elizabeth Warren to see that this aid for our fishermen, their families, their businesses, and our community stays in the Senate Appropriation Bill and the final conference bill with House Republicans.

Without your help and your leadership, my fear is that many of our families and small businesses, which have been financially wounded by the mismanagement of NOAA will lose their livelihoods, their homes and their children's future prospects for higher education. Moreover, as a community leader, I fear that our port will lose its historic and renowned identity as one of the nation's leading commercial seaports.

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Cc: United States Senator John Kerry
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