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The Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski, Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard C. Shelby, Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
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Dear Charwoman Mikulski and Ranking Minority Member Shelby:

Congratulations on your Committee's adoption of the FY 2014 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies appropriations bill. And, thank you for the extraordinary work of your exceptional staff in helping to pull together such important legislation.

We are the members of the Northeast Seafood Coalition. Just a few short years ago we found ourselves at the forefront of the transition of our New England groundfish fishery to catch share management and hard TACs. This transition came with all sorts of rosy promises of resource abundance and economic stability. Maybe even prosperity.

That transition itself was difficult enough to survive, and many of our friends simply didn't make it. But for those of us left standing the situation today is simply unbelievable.

Today, there is no stability or prosperity in our industry or communities. Instead, every week we watch as another one of the very best among us falls. We are losing our homes, our children's futures and the fabric that has held our communities together for over four centuries. Why? We are told there are no fish. We are told that just like nature can wreak havoc on man's world through sudden events like hurricanes, tsunamis and droughts—it can also have devastating effects on the productivity of our marine ecosystem.

As fishermen, we are proud to be among the toughest and most resourceful humans on the planet. We are the definition of survivors. But as difficult as it may be for us to admit, we are helpless in the face of these forces that have changed our world. We cannot force the Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank ecosystems to swing back to the level of catch rates or productivity that will sustain our fishery. We know they will recover—and with time and better science so will we, provided something can be done in the meantime to preserve our world for that better day. Unlike churches, schools and homes destroyed by a storm, our fishery will require much more than bricks and mortar.

This is truly a disaster of enormous proportions and severity, and so we were very grateful when Acting Commerce Secretary Rebecca Blank affirmed this reality through her official declaration of a fishery

disaster under federal law. That was nearly 12 months ago and yet as bad as things were then, our catch limits were reduced another 40-90 % this fishing year. Unfortunately, we have yet to see the Commerce Department take the actions needed to mitigate the disaster it declared. On the contrary, it has consistently rejected the repeated efforts of the New England Council and our industry to develop innovative means to mitigate the impacts.

What we *have* seen is your relentless efforts—and those of many other Senators and Members of the House of Representatives from our region—to provide fishery disaster assistance funding through your appropriations legislation. It is impossible for us to sufficiently express our appreciation for your repeated efforts to help us and our families – first through the Hurricane Sandy bill and now through the FY 2014 appropriations legislation.

But what makes your efforts on our behalf all the more remarkable is that you are not from our region. We are not your constituents. We cannot vote for you. Yet you have stood up for what you believe is right and what needs to be done. That is true leadership. You have insisted that just like those unfortunate Americans and communities that have suffered unthinkable tragedies as a result of storms and other terrible natural disasters, this nation will also do what is necessary to assist its fishermen whose lives have likewise been destroyed by a disaster of a different kind. You and the many Senators from our region and others that worked with you to establish and fund the Fisheries Disaster Mitigation Fund in your FY 2014 appropriations legislation are true heroes. This Fund will provide the crucial bridge for our families, communities and industry to survive while our fisheries recover. We can never thank you enough.

Sincerely,

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