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The Honorable James M. Jeffords  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

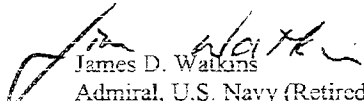
Dear Senator Jeffords:

Thank you for inviting Commissioner Paul L. Kelly of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy to testify before your Committee on the important subject of United States accession to the United Nations Law of the Sea Convention.

On October 14, 2003, I appeared before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations concerning United States accession to the Law of the Sea Convention. I am forwarding herewith a copy of my testimony on that occasion together with associated documents I submitted for the record as additional information which I hope will be helpful to your Committee. Commissioner Kelly and I share the unanimous and strongly held position of all sixteen Presidentially-appointed members of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy in favor of United States accession to the United Nations Law of the Sea Convention.

Thank you again for seeking the views of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy on this important matter.

Sincerely,

  
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Enclosure

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