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The Honorable David Alberg
Sanctuary Superintendent
Monitor National Marine Sanctuary
100 Museum Drive
Newport News, Virginia 23606-3759

RE: Expansion of Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Boundary

Dear Superintendent Alberg:

My full name is John Jefferson Newton, son of John G. Newton, who led the August 1973 expedition that found the *U.S.S. Monitor*, revolutionary ironclad, which sank off the North Carolina coast on December 31, 1862, taking with it sixteen members of the crew. As a young boy of only fifteen in August of 1973, I asked many of the same questions being asked today, including, why is it important to locate, protect and conserve wrecks such as the *Monitor*? I was then assured, and still believe, that there were and are many historical, archeological, and other scientific reasons for doing so.

More recently, in March of 2013, I was privileged to be present at Arlington National Cemetery when two members of the *Monitor* crew, whose remains were recovered in 2002, were finally buried, with full military honors. At that moment, and ever since, the designation, "Graveyard of the Atlantic", clearly meant more than shipwrecks, and included military and civilian gravesites as well.

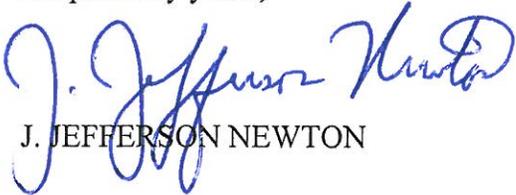
I understand that the proposed expansion of the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Boundary could include World War I and World War II shipwrecks. If human remains were recovered from the *Monitor* approximately one hundred forty years after its sinking, then it stands to reason that human remains can also be recovered from World War I and World War II shipwrecks.

For the foregoing reasons, it is humbly submitted that the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Boundary should be expanded to its largest proposed area.

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Thanking you in advance for your thoughtfulness and consideration concerning this matter, and with kindest regards, I remain

Respectfully yours,



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