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Mr. David Alberg
Superintendent
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Dear Mr. Alberg:

As a member of The Mariners' Museum Board of Trustees, I salute NOAA's efforts with marine conservation and preservation, and I am especially proud of our partnership with NOAA which has enabled the conservation and interpretation of the USS *Monitor* at The Mariners' Museum.

The possible expansion of the *Monitor* National Marine Sanctuary strikes me as an idea which should have no detractors, and should be immediately implemented. The "Graveyard of the Atlantic" is a unique place; it is imperative that these wrecks be protected.

I am confident that the work NOAA is doing to expand the *Monitor* National Marine Sanctuary will help preserve and conserve these sites for generations to come.

Wishing you the best for a successful result, I am

Very truly yours,



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