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To: Cyndy Paulsen

Subject: Attention: Mr. Mike Chrisman, Chairman

Dear Mr. Chrisman:

I am aware that the nonprofit organization, Heal the Ocean of Santa Barbara, recently provided you with a report--"Ocean Wastewater Discharge Inventory for the State of California."

I live in Carpinteria, CA, just below Santa Barbara. I am quite concerned to learn from the HTO report about the amount of sewage being discharged into the shallow areas of the ocean in many coastal communities where residents and visitors alike recreate.

I strongly urge you and the California Ocean Protection Council to read this report carefully. We need your help and protection from this harmful practice that occurs each and every day right where we live. In my own coastal area, such outfalls exist in the nearby towns of Summerland and in Montecito, where I and my family frequently go to the beach.

Heal the Ocean has made some recommendations such as, establishing deadlines for sewer districts to submit plans to extend outfalls to a minimum of a mile offshore and requiring treatment plants to perform cost feasibility studies for full tertiary treatment. The studies would include calculating projected rate increases to ratepayers and would be submitted to a state water quality regulatory agency.

Please give your attention to the HTO recommendations. We need to regulate those who would irresponsibly pollute our beautiful beaches and compromise the safety of our coastal recreational areas.

Sincerely,

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