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Subject:	Strategic Plan"s Banning of the Use of Once Through Cooling and the Disposal of Brine Mixed with Solvents into Our Ocean
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Dear California Ocean Protection Council:

It has come to my attention that you are considering revising your strategic plan in such a way that possibly could weaken your plan's current strong language banning the use of once through cooling and the disposal of brine mixed with solvents into our ocean. **I urge you to keep your current plan's strong language.**

I retired to Downtown Huntington Beach five years ago, after having lived in Downtown Boston, MA for twenty years. My major reservation about retiring here was the pollution levels in the ocean at Southern California beaches. Second only to our region's favorable weather, I think the beaches and the ocean are the major draw for people moving here and staying here.

As such, our ocean and beaches are one of the major economic engines for California. If we do not protect these wonderful natural resources from negative developments, we will seriously jeopardize our State's long term economic prosperity.

Hence, I have been shocked to learn that the State and Huntington Beach continue to consider projects that might have a negative impact on the quality of our ocean water. Language, such as that in your strategic plan, banning the use of once through cooling and the disposal of brine mixed with solvents into our ocean, is crucial for California to do a better job in the future than the State has done in the past, in protecting the quality of our ocean waters and beaches. Again, **I urge you to keep your current plan's strong language.**

Thank you for your consideration and your support of the water quality of our ocean waters.

Sincerely yours,

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