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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 20, 2012

The Honorable Jay Rockefeller  
Chairman, Committee on Commerce, Science,  
and Transportation  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-6125

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed please find a legislative proposal entitled "Transfer of Administration of Ocean Research Advisory Panel from the Department of the Navy to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration." This proposal is also included as section 203 in the Department of Defense (DOD) proposed legislation, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013" (NDAA for FY 2013). DOD has requested that the NDAA for FY 2013 be enacted during the second session of the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress. Commerce joins DOD in seeking Congressional support of this provision, which is consistent with the President's budget for FY 2013.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that the proposal is consistent with the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cameron F. Kerry".

Cameron F. Kerry

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison  
Ranking Minority Member

IDENTICAL LETTERS SENT TO:

The Honorable Doc Hastings  
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-6201

cc: The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
Ranking Minority Member

The Honorable Ralph Hall  
Chairman, Committee on Science, Space  
and Technology  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-6301

cc: The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson  
Ranking Minority Member