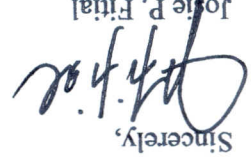


First Lady of the CNMI  
Jolie P. Fitial

Sincerely,  


I look forward to you visiting us soon.

When you visit us, I am sure your heart will recognize that the success we have in ocean conservation is an excellent example of the international image that you want the U.S. to portray to the world in regard to exemplary ocean management. I appeal to you to not designate a national marine monument in the Marianas Islands. Let the stewardship success of the NMI, in union with the U.S. be the praiseworthy blue legacy.

We are simple Americans, a globally responsible commonwealth of the U.S. We honor and uphold a long tradition of coexistence with Mother Ocean. Island heritage passed down from our elders teaches us that we and "nature" are one, an insight that motivates us to follow time-tested cultural conservation practices. Heritage also maps out the wise strategies that result in the pristine condition of our marine ecosystems—a unique condition which brings awe to your staff.

Despite our brief conversation, I was touched by your enthusiasm to learn more about us. A visit would satisfy that interest and could influence another of your interests which is to designate a Marianas national marine monument, and thereby redefine the destiny of our islands.

Hafa Adai from the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The enclosed two photographs hopefully will rekindle a memory of our earlier meeting and provide an opportunity to extend anew an invitation to visit our islands. Your presence would complement the passion you expressed to me in wanting to gain a better understanding of NMI culture and people.

Dear U.S. First Lady Bush,

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