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November 20, 2008

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

RE: Designation of a National Marine Monument in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Dear Mr. President:

We, the undersigned Chief Executives of the Micronesian Islands express our support for the Government of Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) in their opposition to the implementation of a National Marine Monument in the CNMI, comprised of the far northern islands; Maug, Asuncion and Uracus, through the Antiquities Act. While the merits of the specific designation are debatable, the process is unacceptable to all of our people.

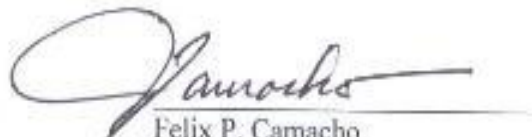
Based on our experience, protected areas are only successful when they reflect the will and ideals of those affected. Mr. President, we ask that you refrain from designating any National Marine Monument in the CNMI against the wishes of the indigenous peoples of these islands. These wishes are also strongly demonstrated through the voices of the vast majority of CNMI's democratically elected leaders opposing any National Marine Monument designation.

We thank you for your past support in all matters in our region and we look forward to your response to this request.

Sincerely,



Emanuel Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia




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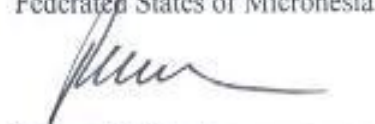
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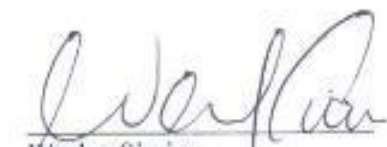
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