

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. President:

As business leaders in New England, we are writing to applaud your historic designation of the first marine monument in Atlantic waters, adding the Coral Canyons and Seamounts to the long list of lands and seas you have protected during your administration.

Located southeast of Cape Cod, where the continental shelf drops off into the depths of the Atlantic Ocean, the area preserved by your decision includes canyons as deep as the Grand Canyon and underwater mountains higher than any east of the Rockies. The waters above teem with ocean wildlife—including sea turtles, seabirds, and what scientists believe to be the highest diversity of whales, dolphins and porpoises in the North Atlantic. As citizens, we know this unique area must be protected for future generations.

And as business leaders, we know our economy depends on a healthy ocean: ocean resources support thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of economic activity in New England. Most of this activity comes from ocean tourism and coastal recreation. Our coastal economies rely on New England residents and visitors enjoying diverse, abundant wildlife in our ocean waters and clean, healthy waters to explore. Protecting some of the most treasured underwater ecosystems in our waters will help ensure a healthy future for the ecosystem and our economy.

America has a long tradition of protecting our remarkable natural heritage, and the economies of other areas of the country – particularly the West – have benefitted enormously from federal protections of land and waters. By creating the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument, you have ensured that our economy can join in reaping such rewards here in New England.

Sincerely,

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