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Dear Dr. McIsaac,

Hi. My name is Adam Ramirez. I work for the County of Education as a teacher in Carpinteria CA. I have a BA in Env. Studies & a MA in Spanish. I want you to know that I oppose any & all commercial fishing practices involving the use of gill nets. They are indiscriminate and senseless killers. I am a recreational fisherman and would like to see inshore and offshore populations restored to pre-commercial levels.

Please do not be swayed by corporate interests.

As a collective entity, recreational fisherman is a much larger group than the commercial interests and their opinions should be considered

Thank you, Adam Ramirez

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Dear Dr. McIsaac:

I am informed that the Pacific Fisheries Management Council has granted exemptions to a small number of gillnet fishers authorizing gillnet fishing along a portion of the coast of California previously closed to such procedures. I find it absurd that regulation after regulation has been passed in recent times to protect our fisheries and endangered animals yet the Council will now authorize one of the methods most destructive to our fisheries, turtles, sharks, billfish and marine mammals.

Consideration of gillnet fishing of any kind in areas where conservation is the goal is in my mind an intentional slap in the face to all of those who have fought so hard for conservation as well as to those of us who have sat on the sidelines with what we considered insufficient information to determine our course. Allowance of even minimal gillnet fishing leads me to conclude that we now in fact have sufficient evidence of "politics as usual".

Allow me the privilege of at least sometimes believing in the good faith and reasoned decisions of the representatives of my government. Where conservation and preservation are the goals, there is absolutely no excuse for allowing the use of these "curtains of death".

Very truly yours,



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