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The Honorable George W. Bush
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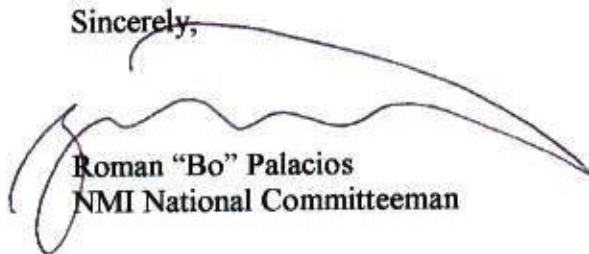
Dear President Bush:

As a native Chamorro from the Northern Mariana Islands, I believe that the ocean represents an enormous part of our cultural identity. It is as much apart of our home as the land on which we live, so protecting and conserving it should be of the utmost importance.

After having met with numerous scientists, community leaders, and government officials, I must strongly express my support for the proposed Mariana Trench Marine National Monument as a way to extend your visionary ocean legacy.

A Mariana Trench Marine National Monument would continue the proud Republican legacy of conservation which extends back to the great conservationist President Theodore Roosevelt. For years, our oceans have been exploited by illegal fishing, overfishing, pollution, among other preventable activities. It is my hope that a major part of our island chain can remain protected so the generations after me can one day appreciate its beauty.

Sincerely,



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