

October 14, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20050

Re: Mariana Trench National Monument

Dear President Bush:

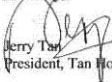
On behalf of Tan Holdings, which operates businesses in the Northern Mariana Islands and Western Pacific, I am writing to express support for your efforts to promote environmental protection of our marine resources.

As a company, we have promoted a "green" movement with our employees through a wide range of activities. We also get involved with and provide support to local community groups that preserve and enhance nature. Through these efforts, I have been introduced to your proposed project to develop a marine preserve in the Northern Marianas.

As a businessman and resident, I see positive consequences resulting from the creation of the "Marianas Trench National Monument." First and foremost, it will protect an unspoiled marine environment and will provide recognition of an outstanding natural location. I believe this will also help boost tourism and build a positive international reputation for the Northern Mariana Islands.

Thank you for your consideration of our beautiful islands for this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,



Jerry Tan
President, Tan Holdings