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Nancy Sutley, Chair Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force c/o Council on Environmental Quality 730 Jackson Place Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Chairwoman Sutley,

As you are aware, the development of new sources of renewable energy is vital to securing our nation's clean energy future and is a top priority of the Obama Administration. As President Obama has recognized, the oceans present a huge untapped source of renewable energy. The President's Ocean Policy Task Force has a critically important role in determining how ocean renewable energy will be developed and we appreciate the leadership the President has shown in this area.

One of the most difficult challenges facing the task force is designing a marine spatial planning framework that will constitute an investment in ocean renewable energy, rather than creating additional impediments to its development. The undersigned, which represent some of the leading voices in both ocean conservation and ocean renewable energy development, have worked together to agree on a set of principles that we believe can help the Administration accomplish that goal. These principles seek to balance the protection of ecosystems with the need to rapidly deploy ocean energy technologies, and have been negotiated at great length over the course of the last four months by our extremely broad coalition.

We request that you forward the principles to the other members of the task force and that you give them appropriate consideration in the development of a national framework for marine spatial planning. While many of us have discussed these ideas with members of the task force already, we are, of course, happy to engage in any further dialogue that would be helpful to your work. We thank you and the other members of the task force for your attention to these important issues.

Sincerely yours,

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