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Dear Mrs. ██████████

Thank you for contacting me recently regarding efforts to weaken the enforcement powers of the International Whaling Commission (IWC).

As a longtime supporter of efforts to ban commercial whaling, I would oppose any legislation that might in any way undermine the IWC's ban on commercial whaling. I have been in contact with Representative Breaux' office and have been assured that he has not introduced any legislation to undermine the Packwood-Magnuson amendment.

As you know, the Packwood-Magnuson amendment requires that the United States reduce by at least half the fishing allocations in U.S. waters of nations "diminishing the effectiveness" of IWC decisions.

In November 1984, the United States and Japan reached an agreement that would have allowed the Japanese to continue whaling. In exchange, the Commerce Department said that the Japanese agree to withdraw their objections to the whaling moratorium by a specified date.

Twelve conservation and animal welfare groups, including Greenpeace and the Humane Society of the United States, sued to require the U.S. government to enforce Packwood-Magnuson. The suit was recently decided in their favor and is being appealed.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me. If I may be of any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to call on me again.

Sincerely,

JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY
Member of Congress

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May 28, 1955

The Honorable John Hoadley
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515
Dear Sir,

Please support the Packwood.

Hagman amendment against
attempts to weaken or make powerless
its enforcement of the subjects of
the International Whaling Commission.

An amendment introduced by
Representative Bryant of Louisiana
would do just that. If we give
in to these threats to whales, we
may well lose them for all time.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]
Mrs. [Redacted]