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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

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The Honorable Paul E. Tsongas
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Paul:

I am writing to you regarding the upcoming vote to be taken in the Senate relative to the United States - Canadian fishing agreement. As you know, I have been associated with the fishing industry most of my adult life and have been interested in the workings of INAF and all other fishing conferences concerning the 200 mile limit. *SK ICNAF*

In recent years the port of New Bedford as well as Gloucester, Provincetown and Chatham have had a re-vitalization and thousands of dollars have been spent on new fishing boats and new fish processing plants. If the Congress adopts the United States - Canadian agreement I can only see chaos happening in the industry. There is little doubt in the minds of those in the industry that the United States has once again sold its fishermen down the river. I ask you to vote against the treaty and if you need further proof of how the industry feels, I would suggest a meeting to allow the fishermen and fish processors to explain their views.

I have taken the liberty of enclosing a resolution adopted by the Massachusetts House and also one of many letters received concerning this matter.

Warmest personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Bill
William Q. MacLean, Jr.
STATE REPRESENTATIVE