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Mr. John Muller, Chair  
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board  
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400  
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Dear Chairman Muller and Members of the Board,

I write in support of making measurable reductions in the amount of trash in San Francisco Bay a requirement in the Water Board's pending Municipal Regional Permit (MRP).

Trash has always been a problem for our Bay's water and wildlife. It compromises water quality and ensnares and suffocates animals in plastic debris. The five-year renewal of the MRP represents an opportunity to take significant, long-overdue public policy and regulatory steps to protect the Bay and its inhabitants. Recent events underscore the need for these measures as the Bay's delicate ecosystem has suffered catastrophic, long-term damage from oil and sewage spills. Permitting the flow of unregulated amounts of trash and debris into the Bay and its waterways will only exacerbate the effects of these events.

I urge the Board to ensure that the upcoming MRP includes provisions for reducing the amount of trash entering the Bay and request being kept informed about the renewal process.

Sincerely, *and gratefully,*

Anna G. Eshoo  
Member of Congress