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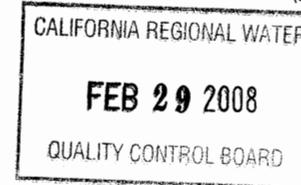
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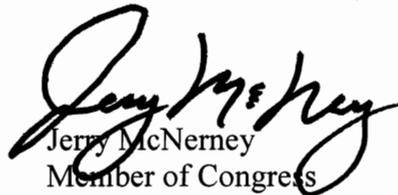
Dear Chairman Muller,

I am writing to thank the Board for its work to preserve a healthy San Francisco Bay and to express my support for efforts to reduce the flow of trash into the Bay. As you know, pollution from trash remains a serious concern, and recent media reports have publicized the challenge trash pollution poses for our region and for the world's oceans. I would like to congratulate you for addressing this issue as you consider the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit.

In pursuing our shared goal of a clean Bay and finalization of the permit's requirements, I hope that you will consult with the affected local governments as well as concerned citizens. Ensuring a healthy Bay will require a coordinated effort that recognizes the unique financial situations and environmental challenges affecting each jurisdiction covered by the permit. A comprehensive and efficient solution to the trash problem can best be achieved through the input of, and cooperation between, local governments, citizen activists, and environmental experts.

Thank you again for your efforts to minimize the flow of trash into the Bay, and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to the Board.

Sincerely,


Jerry McNerney
Member of Congress