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The Honorable George Bush President of the United States The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On June 30, 1989, Secretary of Commerce Mosbacher certified to you under section 4006(b) of the Driftnet Monitoring, Assessment, and Control Act (P.L. 100-220) that Taiwan has not entered into an acceptable monitoring or enforcement agreement under the terms of that Act. Subsequently, an agreement was initialed by representatives of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) and the Coordinating Council for North American Affairs (CCNAA). That agreement has not been accepted by the Taiwanese government.

On July 18, 1989, agents of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Office of Law, National Marine Fisheries Service, arrested six individuals connected with Taiwanese fishing operations for violations of the Lacey Act. Further charges may be filed under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The action occurred after the Taiwanese individuals attempted to "launder" \$1.3 million worth of illegally caught salmon through the United States. As of this writing, the Taiwanese government has refused to respond to U.S. requests for permission to board and detain the seven Taiwanese vessels involved.

Given the obvious intent of the Taiwanese government to continue allowing its nationals to flagrantly violate U.S. and international law and to ignore good faith efforts on the part of our government to enter into binding agreements that will stop this international piracy, I believe that immediate action must be taken. You have the authority to impose sanctions on all Taiwanese fish products being imported into this country. I request that you act immediately to impose those sanctions. Absent a strong stand by our government, we can only look forward to further incidents of resource loss on the high seas. Mr. President, the fishermen of Alaska are counting on your support. Please don't let them down.

Sincerel OUNG Congressman for all Alaska

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cc: The Honorable James Baker, Secretary of State The Honorable Robert Mosbacher, Secretary of Commerce The Honorable Carla Hills, U.S. Trade Representative