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Mr. Micah Chambers
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Dear Mr. Chambers,

I am writing to express my support for President Trump's Executive Order – 13792, which orders a thorough review all national monuments created under the Antiquities Act in the past twenty years. Since its inception, the Antiquities Act has preserved some of America's pristine wilderness; however, the ever increasing encroachment by the federal government over the past twenty years has seized millions of acres of both land and sea without the consideration of the public at-large, or the local governments and representatives of the regions under review.

I want to ensure that my position is clear, and reiterate that we are simply looking to remove the fishing restrictions on the American Samoa fleet for the migratory fish who travel through the monuments. The monuments serve a good purpose, and I support that effort, but not without local input, or at the expense of access to our people who have utilized these areas for centuries, long before any relationship with the United States. Our fishermen are the most responsible and regulated in the world, as it stands currently, these fish swim through the monuments and are then caught by nations with little to no environmental regulations...that is not helping the sustainability for the future stock.

Using the Antiquities Act to close U.S. waters to domestic fisheries is yet another example of duplicitous Federal oversight, which favors South-East Asian nations that lack the same high-standards of the United States, and at the same time to the detriment of the most economically challenged and geographically isolated territory or state in the nation.

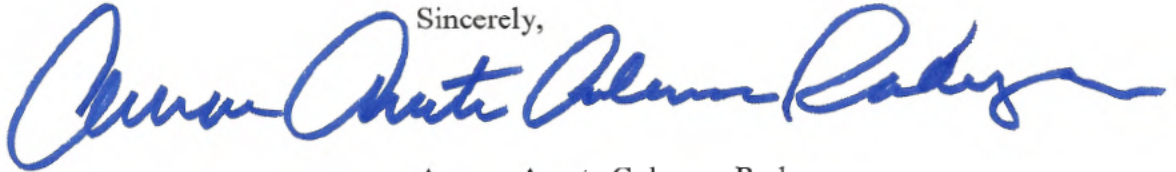
Far too long American Samoa has been subject to the whims of environmental imperialism, and have suffered for it. I am thankful that the President and the administration understand the

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importance of reviewing these national monuments, and look forward to swift and corrective action, so that the people of American Samoa may return to utilizing these regions of the Pacific which we have been the stewards of for centuries.

I want to thank you again for allowing me to submit my comments for public record, and respectfully urge you to consider them and the people of American Samoa when reviewing the marine monuments in the Pacific.

Sincerely,



Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen
Member of Congress