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Dear Senator Levin:

As you know, Rogers City has been interested in expansion of the National Underwater Marine Sanctuary for several years, and the City greatly appreciates your continuing leadership on this important effort. The first City resolution in support of Sanctuary expansion was #115 in 2006 and the Mayor has written several support letters, the most recent being in September of 2010.

Earlier this month the City Council passed Resolution 2011-99 directing us to write you and Senator Stabenow reiterating the City's support of the of the Sanctuary into Presque Isle County waters off of Rogers City and encouraging prompt passage of S. 485, the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Expansion Act, which provides for such expansion.

The same Resolution directed us to write Representative Benishek encouraging his support of S. 485 when it reaches the House following passage by the Senate. City representatives have been working with his staff to bring him up to date, and the Mayor has spoken to him personally about the issue.

If there is anything else we can do to assist you or your staff in accomplishing this highly desirable expansion of the National Underwater Marine Sanctuary, please let us know.

Thank you for everything you and your office have done for Northeast Michigan over the years.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beach Hall".

Beach Hall
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Slown".

Mark Slown
Manager