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Dear Mr. Babb-Brott:

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO), as the Regional Ocean Partnership, would like to invite federal agencies to engage in continued regional ocean coordination and collaboration efforts and respectfully request your assistance in this effort. As per Sections 2(g) and 5 of the *Executive Order Regarding the Ocean Policy to Advance the Economic, Security and Environmental Interests of the United States*, and priorities that have been advanced by MARCO as a Regional Ocean Partnership, MARCO looks forward to continued federal-state engagement and collaboration on ocean-related matters. Areas of interest include continued support and resources provided by federal agencies in collection and organization of data for use by all on the MARCO portal and improved coordination on federal and state interests and activities in the Mid-Atlantic Ocean.

We look forward to more information regarding appropriate points of contact as the Interagency Ocean Policy Committee advances its work. MARCO's points of contact on regional ocean coordination and collaboration include:

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We look forward to working with you, the Interagency Ocean Policy Committee and other federal agency colleagues as we advance this important regional discussion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate K Morrison".

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