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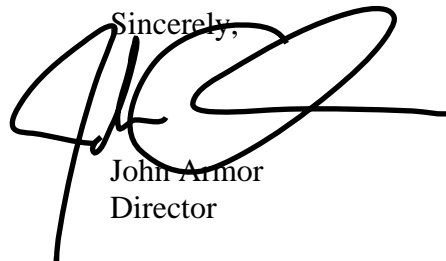
Dear Mr. Lerner:

Thank you for your letter to Secretary Raimondo co-signed by 16 Great Lakes environmental and conservation organizations requesting that the U.S. Department of Commerce officially withdraw and close its review of the previous administration's proposal to review the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Lake Huron. This review was conducted pursuant to President Trump's Executive Order 13795: *Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy*.

On January 20, 2021, President Biden signed Executive Order 13990 on *Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis*. Section 7 of this Executive Order rescinded Executive Order 13795. As a result, no further action will be taken by the Department of Commerce pursuant to Executive Order 13795 and we consider the matter closed.

We appreciate your continued interest in and support for Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

Sincerely,



John Armor
Director

