

Contact Your Elected Representatives

- [Find your Congressional representatives](#)
- [Find your State legislators](#) – You may also text your postal address to 520-200-2223 and you'll get a text back with the names and numbers of your Federal and State Representatives and Senators.
- **Call your elected officials** – A quick call is much, much better than an email. Identify yourself as a constituent and ask to speak with the member of the staff responsible for tracking the senator/representative's position on ocean planning.

Here is suggested language for contacting your elected representatives about ocean planning. Please feel free to adapt as you like.

My name is _____ and I live in _____ zip code. I recently attended a film event about ocean planning in [name of city]. The theater was full of people who were excited about the newly completed [Northeast Ocean Plan or Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan].

I'm contacting you to urge you to support the implementation of the Plan. This planning approach for our ocean is a smart way to protect our coastal economies, ocean health and way of life.

Over the past three years, states from Maine to Virginia, regional fisheries managers, tribes, and federal agencies worked together, with extensive industry and public involvement, to develop regional ocean plans that will keep the waters off our shores healthy and drive our coastal economy for the long haul. This kind of coordination between states and federal agencies is vital – especially as our oceans get busier than ever before. States and stakeholders are at the table because they want a say in how we manage offshore waters and solve problems.

Industry leaders are firmly on board, with strong support for ocean planning being expressed to the new administration from port associations, shipping companies, marine trades groups, commercial fishing associations, offshore wind companies, cruise lines, charter boat groups, harbor masters and harbor pilots.

[Add your perspective as an ocean stakeholder or interested citizen i.e., you work in an ocean related business etc.]

You can learn more about the ocean plans by watching this [5-minute video](#) and visiting the [\[Northeast Regional Planning Body website or Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body website\]](#).

Thank you,