



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Under Secretary of Commerce**  
**for Oceans and Atmosphere**

Washington, D.C. 20230

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The Honorable Bill Posey  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Posey:

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for your leadership in addressing harmful algal bloom and hypoxia events and your support of S. 1254. I followed the bill's progress and I appreciated all of your efforts to move the bill, including your remarks made in Committee and on the House Floor. I was so pleased to hear that the bill is on the way to the President. Almost every state in the U.S. now experiences some kind of harmful algal bloom event, such as those that have occurred in the St Lucie River and Indian River Lagoon, and the number of hypoxic water bodies across the Nation is increasing. Thank you for your continued recognition of the severity of these threats and reaffirming NOAA's important role. We look forward to our continued close partnership on these and other issues important to Florida and across the Nation.

Sincerely,

Kathryn D. Sullivan, Ph.D.  
Under Secretary of Commerce for  
Oceans and Atmosphere

*Thank you for your  
support on this  
important bill!*

