

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Protect the Endangered Humpback:
Ask the President to Take Action on The Japanese Whaling Fleet

Dear Colleague:

On November 19th a fleet of Japanese Whalers set sail from the port of Shimonoseki in Southern Japan. Their goal: to kill more than 1000 whales including endangered fin whales. Additionally, the fleet plans to hunt the endangered humpback whale for the first time in over 40 years.


While claiming to be a scientific fleet, this is a thinly disguised commercial hunt, which has been banned for 20 years. By using this loophole Japan is undermining the international regulations that have governed and protected whales since the 1940's. This year's hunt has already been condemned or denounced by the Australian and New Zealand Governments, the International Whaling Commission, and the Humane Society of the United States among others.

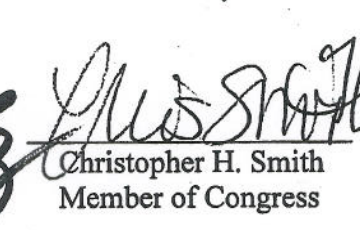
Americans demand action. In a poll of 1000 voters taken in March of 2007, 78% of Americans opposed commercial whaling by Japan, and 66% even supported some form of trade sanctions if Japan expands its whaling activity.

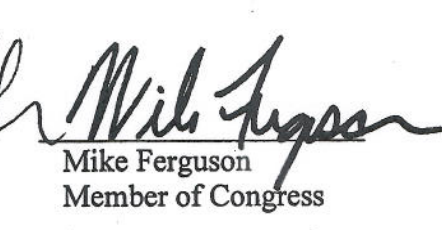
Please join us in requesting that the President take a strong stance on this important issue. By publicly condemning the action, as well as considering further measures, the President will not only help protect these fragile creatures, but he will also help halt the undermining of an important international agreement.


If you would like more information on this issue or would like to sign this letter please contact Adam Domby in Congressman Gonzalez's office at 5-3236 or adam.domby@mail.house.gov.

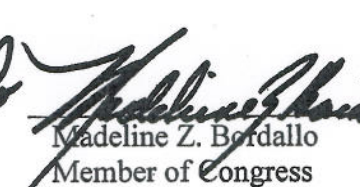
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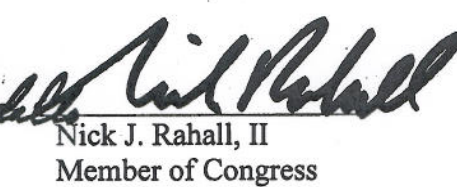

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