



President Donald Trump

December 15, 2020

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW

Washington, DC 20500

RE: Please **Veto** the *Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act*

Dear President Trump,

We write to request that you VETO California Senator Diane Feinstein's bill, the *Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act*.

This proposed legislation is profoundly misguided. The sponsors of this bill have been given inaccurate information about the Drift Gillnet fishery, which operates under science-based regulations set by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Among the inaccurate claims made in this bill is that drift gillnets can be replaced by another gear called "deep set buoy gear" with even superior harvest results. Not true! The use of the new gear will result in far fewer swordfish being landed, while costing US jobs and setting the stage for even more imported fish from Asia.

While we are sure supporters of this bill are well-intended, they have been misinformed about the actual performance of the Drift Gillnet fishery.

Please VETO the *Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act*.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Halmay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

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