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Admiral James D. Watkins  
Chair, U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy

Thomas Kitsos  
Executive Director

Dear Admiral Watkins and Executive Director Kitsos:

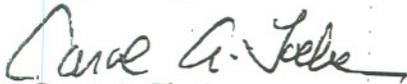
What is being done to join the international community in a ban of ageing, single-hull oil tankers? How much more devastation to our Oceans must we endure before intelligent, enforceable updates of regulatory changes in the maritime industry are realized?

I implore you to make a simple, giant splash by taking a strong position of banning single-hull oil tankers and forcing economic sanctions against the non-compliers. Short-sighted economic and political excuses are no longer acceptable.

While banning ageing, single-hull oil tankers will greatly reduce the "accidental" pollution of our Oceans, commonsense enforcement of existing non-pollution efforts and a transformed perspective on Ocean dumping is seriously needed, here and abroad.

Live, learn and work each day as if it is your last – hopefully it is not already too late for our Oceans' life and health.

Respectfully,



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