Dear Mr. Baggett,

As a California resident, I am concerned about the protection of our beautiful coastlines. I am specifically interested in ensuring the maximum protection for California's "Areas of Special Biological Significance" (ASBS).

These 34 areas along the coast were given special protection status decades ago to safeguard the unique and sensitive species and biological communities found in these areas.

Unfortunately, the clear prohibition on pollution into these biologically important areas has been ignored over the years, and there are now 1,650 illegal discharges into ASBSs statewide. As a result, some of these areas are so polluted that they cannot be used for wading, let alone as habitats for sensitive species.

I hope you will act to eliminate the sources of pollution and to restore these ASBSs.

Sincerely,

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