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Dear Ms. Weaver,

On behalf of the Marine Section of the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB), I write to thank you for your recent piece in the Huffington Post entitled "For the Ocean's Sake, Tame the High Seas 'Wild West'" (23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2014). We are grateful for your contribution and concern for the ocean environment, as well as your willingness to try to bring attention to some of the current conservation issues. It is very unfortunate that other engagements prevent you from attending the upcoming International Marine Conservation Congress in August, as it would have been a great opportunity to introduce you to some of the scientists and conservation practitioners on the front lines of ocean conservation. Instead, please consider this a standing invitation to any of our future events. Please note that this is intended only as a means to offer you access to the scientists and information that they can provide you and that we would not plan any publicity around your attendance (unless you were to specifically ask for it).

Meanwhile, if we can be of any service in terms of providing information on specific topics or working with you on a campaign, please let us know. We would be happy to collaborate on one or more projects. As you may know, SCB is an international professional organization whose mission is to advance the science and practice of conserving the Earth's biological diversity, support dissemination of conservation science, and increase application of science to management and policy. The Society's membership comprises a wide range of people interested in the conservation and study of biological diversity. Resource managers, educators, government and private conservation workers, as well as students, make up the thousands of members worldwide.

Thank you once again for your commitment to marine conservation. The name recognition you bring to this cause is gratefully appreciated by all those who strive for cleaner, healthier oceans.

Respectfully,

John A. Cigliano, Ph.D.,  
President, Marine Section, Society for Conservation Biology