

April 2, 2009

Dear Secretary Salazar,

We are third, fourth and fifth graders from Mrs. Honda's class and the Manor School Green Team. We recently learned from Michael Stocker of the Ocean Conservation Research project about human made noises in the ocean that hurt dolphins and whales.

We love dolphins, whales and all living things that live in the ocean. We are sad to learn about the pain and agony they are going through because of people. We want to help protect these beautiful creatures.

We are writing to you to ask for two things. One is that we stop making sounds with pitches that hurt marine mammals and instead mimic the natural sounds made in the ocean. Two is that you prevent any oil exploration on the outer continental shelf. The noise from oil exploration and drilling, as well as sonar from navy ships is causing too many marine mammals to suffer and die. Please use your power to stop these unnecessary noises.

We are willing to do our very best to use less energy so that we do not have to drill off shore for oil. We carpool, walk, bike ride, turn off lights and other things when we're not using them. We also teach everyone at our school to do the same.

We don't want to be responsible for the suffering of marine mammals because we use too much fossil fuels. Maybe everyone should use more solar energy, can you help make that happen?

Please listen to us. We are speaking for the animals. We want to see dolphins and whales when we grow up. This letter was written by all of us kids together because we care.

Sincerely,  
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Marcus,  
Romy,  
Alex  
Moriah  
Will  
Rebecca

CONNOR

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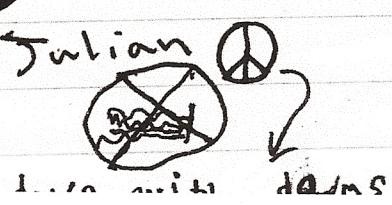
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