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Dear Mr. Douros,

I am writing on behalf of the Newtok Traditional Council to express our strong support for the determination of the community of St. George to create a National Marine Sanctuary around the Island.

We respect and endorse the St. George community's efforts to protect its home, its cultural heritage, the marine environment, and the animals that depend on the sea. It is the sacred right of the Unangan community of St. George to determine their destiny and to ensure a future for the next generations.

We wish the community of St. George much success.

Sincerely,

  
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