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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
United States Senate
317 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Edward Markey
United States Senate
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bill Keating
United States House of Representatives
2351 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Warren, Senator Markey and Congressman Keating:

I am writing to express my administration's support for the filing of legislation to secure permanent protection for Nantucket Sound by designating it as a National Historic Landmark, recognizing and preserving the extensive and valuable history of the Sound while simultaneously protecting the environmental and cultural resources important to the regional economy.

In 2010, the National Park Service determined that Nantucket Sound was eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. In making this determination, the National Park Service recognized that Nantucket Sound's environmental and historic resources support commercial fishing, marine trades and transportation, tourism, recreation and aviation among other businesses and industries vital to the Cape and Islands. Filing and enacting legislation to provide permanent designation to the Sound ensures that the important history of this area is preserved while continuing to invest in its future. I respectfully request that you consider legislative action to protect this unique and deserving marine environment. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles D. Baker". The signature is stylized, with the first name "Charles" written in a cursive script and the last name "Baker" in a more blocky, capital-heavy style.

Charles D. Baker
Governor