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Members of Congress
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Members of Congress,

On behalf of the Garden State Seafood Association (GSSA) we write today in support of the Runyan Amendment to the Frelinghuysen Amendment to H.R. 152. GSSA is comprised of commercial fishermen, shore-based processors, commercial dock facilities, seafood markets, restaurants, and various industry support businesses from New Jersey.

We estimate that New Jersey's commercial fishing infrastructure sustained over \$4 million in damages. In order to rebuild and recover from the devastation sustained during Hurricane Sandy, New Jersey's commercial fishing industry needs the already limited fisheries disaster funding to remain in New Jersey. We cannot afford to have this funding spread amongst many different states.

New Jersey's commercial fishing industry provides 2500 jobs and has an economic impact of \$1.3 billion in revenue. This amendment is necessary to help rebuild the industry to and protect the many jobs it supports. We urge you all to support the Runyan amendment and thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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