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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2503 [J. Pérez, Ocean Reefs] - Request for Signature

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

Recreational Boaters of California [RBOC] urges you to sign into law AB 2503, legislation that would enhance the marine habitat that has evolved under offshore oil platforms, if this can be shown to provide a positive environmental value.

RBOC is a nonprofit boater advocacy organization that works to protect and enhance the interests of the state's recreational boaters before the legislative and executive branches of state and local government. RBOC is in its 42<sup>nd</sup> year as a statewide organization promoting the enjoyment, protection, and responsible use of our waterways.

RBOC supports the provisions of AB 2503 that would authorize partial removal of a decommissioned offshore oil platform as an alternative to full removal if the Ocean Protection Council determines there would be a net benefit to the marine environment and other requirements are met, and would create the California Endowment for Marine Preservation aimed at establishing a permanent funding source for projects and programs that will conserve, protect, restore, and enhance coastal and marine resources, improve the sustainability of marine activities, and encourage and support environmentally sustainable marine activities.

This bill would provide incentives for early decommissioning of offshore platforms, would allow for the maintenance of the vibrant habitat beneath the structures, and would create an independent ocean trust fund earmarked for California marine resources.

For these reasons, RBOC urges you to sign AB 2503 into law.

Sincerely,

*Anne Sachs*

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C: The Honorable John Pérez, Speaker, California State Assembly