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Dear Mr. Beter,

I am writing to you in regard to the proposed dredging and beach re-nourishment off the coast of Palm Beach . I moved to Florida two years ago and started diving the reefs off Palm Beach. These reefs which are off Palm Beach are some of the most spectacular in the State. In my opinion, they rival some of the more popular reefs in the Florida Keys.

I also have witnessed first hand the damage that these dredging projects do to the reefs. The Red algae bloom is taking over some of the reefs and is particularly bad this year, this upset along with the negative environmental impact of the restoration project is going to make our beautiful reefs a thing of the past along with the loggerheads and thousands of other forms of marine life which call these reefs home. I am a chemical engineer by profession and I know that there can be other economical means for restoring these beaches which will not have the negative impact on the reef ecosystem.

I'm strongly urging you to explore other alternatives and consider that these reefs are visited and enjoyed by more people directly and indirectly than the beach you are trying to protect.

Respectfully,

Rich Betterley
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