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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 am a year-round resident of Florida and married to a native Floridian. We are also avid divers. We enjoy the beautiful reefs off the coast of Palm Beach County as they are some of the most spectacular reefs in the entire country. I think it would be tragic to lose such a precious commodity and as well as the tourist's money who come from all over the country to experience these great reefs.

Although there are other reefs, the 60-foot reefs are very important as many divers do not feel comfortable diving to deeper depths. In many cases, these are tourists divers who do not dive regularly and therefore, feel most comfortable and in control at that depth. Many businesses rely on the profit generated by our out of town divers.

As it stands, the past beach re-nourishment project has already extensively damaged many smaller reefs and I fear they will never be able to recover.

Therefore, I'm strongly urging you to explore other alternatives and consider not only the environmental impact, but also the economic impact of our community.

Sincerely,

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