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To: **Senators:** Dembrow; Olsen; Bentz, Prozanski; Roblan; Thatcher; **Representatives** Noble; Post; Gromberg, McKeown

**Re: [SB 261] I OPPOSE [SB 261] as written.**

[\$10,000,000] is an expenditure that requires more transparency in the stated uses.

I oppose **[SB 261]** for it does not contain an itemized accounting for;

"a) Remodeling the entryway and cafe;

(b) Improving three galleries;

(c) Creating a nature play area with a forestry theme;

(d) Enhancing ocean literacy education programming; and

(e) Constructing and furnishing a marine wildlife rehabilitation and education center for assessment, urgent care, surgery, research and veterinary practicums and other marine science education."

This section requires clarification. "**SECTION 3.** This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage. This declaration in **[SB 261]** absent reasonable clarification, from my perspective seems to be steeped in crap. What were the private donations, ticket receipts used for?

I genuinely support the aquarium but costs must be itemized and discussed before taxpayer monies are allocated and dispersed. Items, "(b), (d) and especially (e) are significant for the mission of the aquarium and the public's education and appreciation. Items, "(a) and (c) require a re-assessment and should be funded by wealthy donors."

*Respectfully submitted,*  
/s/ David S. Wall

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