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Dear Committee Members,

I would like to express my enthusiastic support for the Oceangoing Research Vessel Program within HB5024 for the 2019-2021 biennium.

I have been a marine science educator at Bandon High School for 19 years. Over this time I have dedicated myself to become the best teacher I could be for my students by participating in every science program I could. I have spent days at research forests, marine institutes and symposiums. My experience on the RV Oceanus was by far the highlight of my career.

The experience of being onboard with working scientist and students, participating in research, discussing methods and data analysis was beyond invaluable. Having a real experience studying the effects of ocean warming and seeing the threatened organism was inspirational. Since participating I have integrated new teaching methods, improved student engagement and formed valuable contacts with researchers and other educators. The student from my school who participated has fully engaged in a college plan and is energetically pursuing goals to study natural science at university.

Please find a way to continue this amazing program. It truly is one of the best experience of my career.

Sincerely,

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