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The Honorable Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan
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Dear Mr. Sablan,

Thank you for your letter requesting my continued cosponsorship and my commitment to passage of your Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act in the 116th Congress. You have both.

The people of the Northern Mariana Islands should be proud that they had the foresight and the political will to protect shark populations in the waters of the Marianas. In California, I was proud to co-author a bill that bans the sale, trade, and possession of shark fins in California. These laws paved the way for a national policy, and the remarkable number of cosponsors that your bill gathered this Congress shows its broad, bipartisan reach.

I look forward to working with you in the next Congress, not only on protecting sharks, but also on keeping oceans healthy. Through our leadership, we can work to keep fisheries sustainable and to keep up the success of a strong Magnuson Stevens Act, as well as address the significant impacts of climate change on ocean ecosystems and coastal and island communities.

Sincerely,

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