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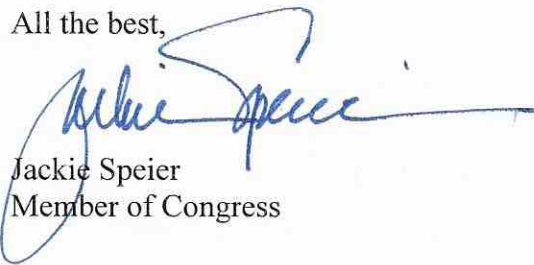
Dear Ms. Stein:

Thank you for the information that you provided to my office. It was highly informative. As was also explained by others, there are many options that exist for disposal and each has its perceived benefits and drawbacks. I look forward to the community and the district working together on this and future projects that reflect a shared sense of purpose with the knowledge that federal funding at this time is highly uncertain.

I have witnessed the reduction in federal funds for food stamps, housing assistance and funding for basic medical care, just to list a few examples. Quite frequently and in many public forums, speakers or decision makers will use *speculation* about federal funding to justify taking one course or another with respect to the matter at hand. I wanted to ensure that the coastal commission was aware of the implications of the budget and that the commission not take actions that counted on federal funds unless those funds were somehow locked down tightly.

My staff member, Katrina Rill, is assigned to the coast and, along with me, welcomes your regular comments and input on this or any subject. Thank you for your time and consideration.

All the best,



Jackie Speier
Member of Congress

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