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To: Sutton, Kaitlyn
Subject: Adoption of stricter standards for toxic algae levels

Dear Ms. Sutton,

As a concerned Florida resident, I am urging you to push for stricter limits on algae levels. Because of my lifestyle, I have been a first-hand witness of the degradation of our waters due to algae blooms.

As a surfer living in Miami Beach, I have seen with my own eyes the damaging effects of these algae blooms over the past decades. Overlooking South Beach, I have seen the color of the ocean change, from crystal blue to greenish murky browns most of the time now. I have been appalled by the stench and had skin reactions after paddling out.

On my surftrips up North, I have gotten sick after surfing brown waters in the Jupiter area. Red algae made us all get out of the water as it was making us cough and burning our eyes.

My friends and I also had to get out of the water after surfing on the West Coast of Florida because our eyes were burning from the red algae blooms. We saw dead fish and a dead turtle on that trip as well. This was in October this year.

Please take into consideration this testimony when passing regulation. The quality of our waters will determine the future of this beautiful state I call home.

Best regards,
Anouck Jourdaa

Sent from my iPhone