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Kaitlyn-

I am writing to you about the harmful algae blooms that have plagued Florida's coast specifically the west coast. It totally bewilders me how we can think that specifically last year's algae bloom was a normal red tide bloom. What I witnessed in Cortez, FL was nothing more than apocalyptic. The death and destruction I have never seen in my life. Little did I know that the impact to me a human was unsafe to breath at an 8 parts per billion bloom was 495 parts per million I believe is a crime. Not only was witnessing the devastation of our fish and wildlife to me mentally draining but that it was affecting my physical health.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist or politician or average citizen to know that something is seriously wrong in Florida. After researching this, I have found that there are several things that our making the Gulf of Mexico a dead zone. Pesticides (nutrient loads), Mosaic pollution, sewage pollution, agriculture industry including sugar run off, cattle and Lake O discharges. Years and years of loose pollution and regulation laws has gotten into this position.

We can throw all the money in the world on research, however, the core solution is right in front of us and that is the Gulf is crying for help and cannot take much more before it is DEAD. End the POLLUTION period.

I didn't retire to Florida to have to live inland I retired here to live on the water and enjoy the beautiful water. If we don't act now, it will be too late and I am not exaggerating. We cannot IGNORE it anymore.

You are responsible for our water quality and health I suggest we take a stand now and do the job to make it better. Thank you for your time and attention.

Carol Hoffman
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