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Dr. Clarissa Anderson – Executive Director
Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System
Scripps Institution of Oceanography
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Dear Dr. Anderson:

On behalf of **TMA BlueTech™**, we strongly endorse the valuable data and services provided by the Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS) at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego.

TMA BlueTech is the organizer of the San Diego ocean tech community – the largest BlueTech cluster in the U.S. We have over 100 member organizations – the vast majority companies in southern California developing innovative technology and services. As the saying goes “you can't manage what you can't measure” and the work of SCCOOS provides a baseline of high-quality data that is useful for many of our companies. In addition, **TMA** member companies consider SCCOOS as a valued partner that can provide science-based confirmation of capabilities in those circumstances when it makes sense to collaborate.

As a science-based decision support system, the Ocean Observing System's work interactively with local, state and federal agencies, resource managers, industry, policy makers, educators, scientists and the general public to provide data, models and products that advance our understanding of the current and future state of our coastal and global environment. SCCOOS focuses on coastal observations and product development to provide information necessary to address issues marine operations, coastal hazards, climate variability and change, and ecosystems, fisheries, and water quality

I understand that SCCOOS is funded primarily by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Sustained funding for SCCOOS is crucial to the maintenance of the program's ocean observing network, to the continuity of the important data products and services that these observations enable, and to permit collaboration with industry.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Sincerely,

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