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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to urge the OMB to allow the government to restrict ship speeds to reduce the threat of collisions with the North Atlantic right whale.

The right whale is a highly endangered species with only about 300 individuals remaining. Scientists believe that the death of even a single whale could be critical to the survival of the species.

By law, the OMB was given 120 days to act on these restrictions—yet your office has delayed action since February 2007. Since that time, the scientific link between whale deaths and ship speed has only become stronger. The right whale deserves the protections based on science, not on politics.

Please allow these protections to move forward.

Sincerely,

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