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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to welcome you to the meeting of the Hydrographic Services Review Panel of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

This panel plays a vital role in advising the NOAA Administrator on issues related to hydrographic and shoreline surveying, nautical charting, and several other areas that enhance our management of coastal and marine ecosystems. I am confident that your work here will greatly contribute to our understanding and stewardship of America's oceans.

I am pleased to join the many welcoming you today and extend my appreciation for your outstanding work.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

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