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Washington, D.C. 20230

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Mr. William Hanson  
Chair, Hydrographic Services Review Panel  
Federal Advisory Committee  
330 13<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Mr. Hanson:

Thank you for your email with the consensus recommendations of the Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP) on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) draft National Charting Plan. The HSRP has supported NOAA's navigation services mission in the past, and continues to do so with these recommendations. Your comments will help inform the implementation of the National Charting Plan and further aid the agency's important work.

I look forward to the HSRP providing ongoing dialogue and strategic advice to improve NOAA's navigation services portfolio.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Friedman". A horizontal line extends to the right from the end of the signature.

Ben Friedman  
Deputy Under Secretary for Operations  
Performing the duties of Under Secretary  
of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere  
and NOAA Administrator

