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Honorable Mike Thompson  
Migratory Bird Commission

Subject: Detjen acquisition

Congressman Thompson,

I am pleased to write this letter in full support of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) acquisition of 428 acres of land at the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge. The Detjen acquisition will allow the refuge to restore tidal circulation on the property that will provide habitat for migratory waterfowl and shorebirds.

Since the 1960s conservation agencies and non-profit organizations have worked to restore tidal marsh habitats and protect the Bay. Only 15 percent of the Bay's historic tidal lands remain. This property is unique in that the land was never farmed and the soil structure has remained intact. Unlike other properties in the area, restoration of this tract will take minimal effort. This acquisition will also complement the restoration that has already been completed on surrounding lands.

The Friends of San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge support the refuge's efforts to protect the Bay and are in full support of efforts to acquire this tract.

Sincerely,

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