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Hello,

I am a resident of Southern California and British Columbia Canada. I spend time on San Juan Island each year and have been blessed to see the Southern Resident Killer Whales from shore in the ocean, it is magical and life changing. It is apparent that this population is in trouble. All the science and research over the years points to one main factor. As a result of marked decline of their preferred prey, Chinook/King Salmon (who are on the endangered species list as well) we have seen a 68 percent mortality rate in new calf's and current monitoring of pods J, K and L show physical signs of decline due to the lack of prey, noise pollution and toxins. My plea to you is to not create another barrier of struggle for them. We must focus our energy and efforts on other ways to sustain their survival by not introducing additional stressors. They need our help not our continued breakdown of the very place they live.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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