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Public Comments submitted in support of Item 4 of the August 11 Business Meeting by various members of the public on 8/10/2021 to Commissioner Patty Monahan.

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