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**Statement of Senator Bill Monning  
In Support of the Ocean Climate Summit  
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**Dear Jason and David and Attendees of the OCEAN CLIMATE SUMMIT:**

**I regret that prior obligations prevent me from joining you at the Ocean Climate Summit, but I do want to convey my strong support for your efforts and for providing a forum to discuss and plan an Ocean Climate Action Plan.**

**As we know, there can be no comprehensive climate action policy that does not include a focus on our ocean climate policies, our blue ocean economy, and plans for building adaptation and resilience with respect to sea level rise, ocean pollution including plastics, and the threat to species and related ocean habitat.**

**I have been proud to be part of efforts in Sacramento and the California State Legislature to secure funding to study and build resilience with respect to sea level rise; to establish a sustainable seafood labeling program; and to fund support for the study and restoration of Eelgrass which benefits sea life including birds, combats erosion, and sequesters carbon.**

**I want to applaud and thank Jason and David for your leadership along with the Center for a Blue Ocean Economy and the Blue Frontier Campaign and all of those gathered who seek to advance a strong Ocean Climate Policy as part of international efforts to combat climate change. As land-based resources become ever more stressed and depleted, our blue ocean economy may indeed provide life-sustaining support for all of us not only to survive but also to thrive.**

**I will look forward to learning of the action plans that emerge from this Ocean Summit and again want to thank you, each and all, for your leadership and commitment.**

**Toward A Blue Ocean Economy and the Global Social Network it can achieve!**

**With great appreciation and respect,**

**Senator Bill Monning  
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