



Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader

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San Francisco, California

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to bring you greetings on the occasion of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl regional competition. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the students, educators, and parents gathered here today.

Expanding educational opportunities in the sciences is vital for our high school students. Learning about issues such as climate change, clean energy, ocean exploration, marine debris and pollution, and wetlands restoration, gives these students the capability to be the innovators of tomorrow. Your scientific exploration today ensures a brighter future for us all.

No experience is more powerful than the thrill of competition. I am proud to represent a Congressional District with such a vibrant and enthusiastic community of students dedicated to marine science. Our children, our teachers and our communities all benefit immeasurably from this education.

Many thanks for your hard work and commitment to our oceans. Good luck to all teams today and best wishes for an exciting competition.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Pelosi".

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