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The Honorable Brian Mast
2182 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Mast:

On behalf of the more than 1.3 million members of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), I thank you for sponsoring H.R. 335, the South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act of 2019.

H.R. 335 directs the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida. Algal blooms have cost the state of Florida millions of dollars in lost tourist revenues and property values. This plan will identify the causes of these blooms and practical ways to control and mitigate them. In addition, these best practices could be used as models for other states, such as Alabama, Mississippi and Texas, who have suffered from similar algal blooms.

NAR thanks you and the House leadership for promptly moving this legislation and urges its swift passage so it can be signed into law this year.

Sincerely,

John Smaby
2019 President, National Association of REALTORS®



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