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Dear Ms. Epstein,

I want to express my utmost support for providing additional funds to Island Conservation for NEPA-related work on the proposed eradication of house mice from the Farallon National Wildlife Refuge. This project is extremely important to the Refuge. In the Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Farallon NWR, eradication of house mice is a priority for improving populations of certain seabirds, especially the rare Ashy Storm-Petrel. Eradicating these mice will be difficult and will require extensive planning, including examinations of potential impacts to other species, bait trials, and public outreach. These funds are sorely needed so we can be fully prepared to conduct this project.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please call me at 510-792-0717 ext. 222.

Sincerely,

Gerry McChesney
Acting Manager, Farallon NWR

