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Dear President Grímsson,

YOU WERE A KEY VOTE BEHIND ICELAND'S INITIAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMERCIAL WHALING BAN IN 1983. Sadly, in 2003 Iceland reversed course and resumed whaling. We urge you to explain to your government and citizens the irresponsibility of defying international agreements ratified by Iceland that prohibit commercial whaling and trade in whale products.

The minke whaling season has already begun, and the killing of endangered fin whales is set to resume within days. We ask you to consider Iceland's growing whale watching industry, and that every one of Iceland's whales is worth far more alive than dead.

You are here in Maine to talk about Icelandic trade, and at the same time Icelandic companies with ties to whaling have begun to ship fish and other products into Portland. We respectfully remind you that the world is watching, and we hope that Iceland will choose to conserve rather than kill whales.

Whaling is a cruel and unnecessary industry of the past. **Please, do not trade away Iceland's true future and focus on watching whales, not killing them.**



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