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Dr. Angelo Mancuso
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Dear Rep. Mancuso:

Last weekend my son and I displayed some of our relics from the War Between the States at the big Civil War Show in Nashville, TN. One of the displayers there showed me your card and said you had come by their booth. I wish I had met you at the show, but I didn't. I am glad to learn of your interest in history. You may remember seeing some of my relics at the show, mostly artillery shells from Selma, AL.

I have been diving for 35 years and relic hunting for about 30. I am very concerned with the new Alabama Underwater Cultural Resources Act passed in 1999. I think this act is going to do more harm than good and will end up making people who find relics not make the state aware of any significant relics they find. I am not sure whether you are aware of this act, but I am enclosing copies of letters I have been writing. Next spring I hope to have some of the wording changed or the act completely redone. I also enclose a copy of the proposed rules of the act as it currently stands. I do not think these rules are what the representatives wanted when they passed the act.

I would appreciate any help you could give in making Alabama more friendly to divers, collectors and relic hunters. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Steve Phillips

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