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Congressman Zeldin Re-Introduces Legislation to Preserve Plum Island *Bipartisan letter of support sent to Cuomo, Schumer, Gillibrand, and Zeldin*

SOUTHOLD, NY. – On April 27, 2017, Congressman Lee Zeldin (R, NY-1) reintroduced his bipartisan bill, “The Plum Island Preservation Act” (H.R. 2182), in the House of Representatives to prevent the sale of Plum Island by the federal government to the highest bidder.

Zeldin’s bill would require the Government Accountability Office, in consultation with the Department of Homeland Security, to develop a comprehensive analysis for the future of the island and present a plan to Congress within one year. Additionally, it would curtail the ability of the General Services Administration to spend funds on marketing or otherwise advancing the sale of Plum Island until six months after Congress receives the report.

"We deeply appreciate our congressional delegation’s ongoing efforts to permanently protect Plum Island," **said Leah Schmalz, program director with Save the Sound.** "This bill helps clear the path that will ensure the lands and wildlife of our regional treasure will be preserved for generations to come. We look forward to working with Congressman Zeldin, Congresswoman DeLauro, Congressman Suozzi and all our New York and Connecticut elected officials over the next year."

The legislation would require focus on conservation, education, and research and include alternative uses for the island including a transfer of ownership to another federal agency, the state or local government, a nonprofit, or a combination thereof.

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