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Dr. Sandra Thornton Whitehouse is a longtime environmental advocate and policy advisor who uses her expertise in marine science to help shape environmental initiatives in Rhode Island and on the federal level. She has worked as an environmental consultant for the past fifteen years, providing research, analysis, and advice on environmental policy issues to clients including the Rhode Island

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