



Mayor and City Council

Mayor
Bill Saffo

Mayor Pro-Tem
Clifford D. Barnett, Sr.

Council Members
Charles H. Rivenbark
Kevin Spears
Luke Waddell, Sr.
Salette Andrews
David B. Joyner

City of Wilmington
City Hall
929 N Front Street
PO Box 1810
Wilmington, NC
28402-1810
910.341.7815
910.341.4628 fax
wilmingtonnc.gov
Dial 771 TTY/Voice

The Honorable David Rouzer
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Representative Rouzer,

I am reaching out to voice my dedicated support for the Mid-Atlantic Flood Mitigation and Coastal Resilience Program at the University of North Carolina Wilmington's (UNCW) Center for Marine Science, an initiative seeking a \$2,500,000 appropriation.

This program will serve as a data repository to aid in predicting and mitigating flood impacts along the Eastern Seaboard. For every one dollar spent on mitigation thirteen dollars are saved on recovery (U.S. Department of Commerce 2024). This program will develop computer models to forecast and manage flooding effects, collaborate with local communities to prepare for flood events and improve coastal resilience, and organize workshops, extension services, and public information events about flooding and coastal resilience across the Eastern US, particularly in the Mid-Atlantic States. Additionally, it will partner with the private and public sectors to create innovative technologies and strategies for mitigating flood impacts and enhancing coastal resilience.

North Carolina boasts over three hundred miles of coastline and experiences an average annual rainfall of fifty-four inches. This makes both its coastal and interior counties vulnerable to flooding from storms and hurricanes. Approximately 17.5% of all North Atlantic storms and hurricanes affect North Carolina. The new program at UNCW's Center for Marine Science aims to become a key hub for research and information on flooding and coastal resilience in the Mid-Atlantic region.

The Port of Wilmington, a key component of North Carolina's maritime economy and crucial to the Seventh District, stands to benefit immensely from the advancements and innovations that this program promises. The outcomes of this program will benefit our local and regional economy and strengthen maritime commerce.

Your support for this appropriation will facilitate significant advancements in Marine Science for years to come. Thank you for considering this vital initiative. Your support will affirm our commitment to our coastal community.

Sincerely,

Bill Saffo



The Honorable David Rouzer
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman,

I am reaching out to voice my dedicated support for the Mid-Atlantic Flood Mitigation and Coastal Resilience Program at the University of North Carolina Wilmington's (UNCW) Center for Marine Science, an initiative seeking a \$2,500,000 appropriation.

This program will serve as a data repository to aid in predicting and mitigating flood impacts along the Eastern Seaboard. For every one dollar spent on mitigation thirteen dollars are saved on recovery (U.S. Department of Commerce 2024). This program will develop computer models to forecast and manage flooding effects, collaborate with local communities to prepare for flood events and improve coastal resilience, and organize workshops, extension services, and public information events about flooding and coastal resilience across the Eastern US, particularly in the Mid-Atlantic States. Additionally, it will partner with the private and public sectors to create innovative technologies and strategies for mitigating flood impacts and enhancing coastal resilience.

North Carolina boasts over three hundred miles of coastline and experiences an average annual rainfall of fifty-four inches. This makes both its coastal and interior counties vulnerable to flooding from storms and hurricanes. Approximately 17.5% of all North Atlantic storms and hurricanes affect North Carolina. The new program at UNCW's Center for Marine Science aims to become a key hub for research and information on flooding and coastal resilience in the Mid-Atlantic region.

The NC Port at Wilmington, a key component of North Carolina's maritime economy and crucial to the Seventh District, stands to benefit immensely from the advancements and innovations that this program promises. The outcomes of this program will benefit our local and regional economy and strengthen maritime commerce.

Your support for this appropriation will facilitate significant advancements in Marine Science for years to come. Thank you for considering this vital initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Natalie H. English'.

Natalie H. English
President & CEO
Wilmington Chamber of Commerce



NEW HANOVER COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

230 Government Center Drive, Suite 175, Wilmington, NC 28403

P: (910) 798-7149 | F: (910) 798-7145 | NHCgov.com

Bill Rivenbark, Chair | **LeAnn Pierce**, Vice-Chair

Dane Scalise, Commissioner | **Stephanie A.C. Walker**, Commissioner | **Rob Zapple**, Commissioner

April 23, 2025

Congressman David Rouzer
U.S. House of Representatives
2333 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Rouzer:

I am reaching out to voice my dedicated support for the Mid-Atlantic Flood Mitigation and Coastal Resilience Program at the University of North Carolina Wilmington's (UNCW) Center for Marine Science, an initiative seeking a \$2,500,000 appropriation.

This program will serve as a data repository to aid in predicting and mitigating flood impacts along the Eastern Seaboard. For every one dollar spent on mitigation thirteen dollars are saved on recovery (U.S. Department of Commerce 2024). This program will develop computer models to forecast and manage flooding effects, collaborate with local communities to prepare for flood events and improve coastal resilience, and organize workshops, extension services, and public information events about flooding and coastal resilience across the Eastern US, particularly in the Mid-Atlantic States. Additionally, it will partner with the private and public sectors to create innovative technologies and strategies for mitigating flood impacts and enhancing coastal resilience.

North Carolina boasts over three hundred miles of coastline and experiences an average annual rainfall of fifty-four inches. This makes both its coastal and interior counties vulnerable to flooding from storms and hurricanes. Approximately 17.5% of all North Atlantic storms and hurricanes affect North Carolina. The new program at UNCW's Center for Marine Science aims to become a key hub for research and information on flooding and coastal resilience in the Mid-Atlantic region.

The Port of Wilmington, a key component of North Carolina's maritime economy and crucial to the Seventh District, stands to benefit immensely from the advancements and innovations that this program promises. The outcomes of this program will benefit our local and regional economy and strengthen maritime commerce.

Your support for this appropriation will facilitate significant advancements in Marine Science for years to come.

Thank you for considering this vital initiative. Your support will affirm our commitment to our coastal community.

Sincerely,

Bill Rivenbark, Chair