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The Honorable David C. Rouzer
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Rouzer:

On behalf of New Hanover County, thank you for all your efforts in regard to our Coastal Storm Damage Reduction (CSDR) projects with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). Your support of New Hanover County's CSDR projects has provided protection and sustainability to our natural resources and our coastal infrastructure.

Your efforts through the years have helped us secure our periodic Federal funding needs for our nourishment projects and most recently, the completion of our Director's Reports for the 15-year extension of our Carolina Beach CSDR project and enhanced Federal funding in the Post Authorization Change Report for Wrightsville Beach. Both of these Director's Reports were authorized in the WRDA 2020 law enacted last December (Division AA of P.L. 116-260). Thank you.

As you know, we are now working with the USACE to secure funding for the winter 2021-22 nourishment for all three of our CSDR projects at Wrightsville Beach, Carolina Beach and Kure Beach. We expected these funds to be allocated in this year's Corps of Engineers Work Plan. As we learned in January, these projects were not included. Our efforts, through your good offices, with the Corps, have produced some encouraging activity, but we do not have full Federal funding committed yet.

We understand that the Corps may seek to reprogram or reallocate funds from other Corps projects that are unable to use their apportioned funds this year. We seek your assistance with Corps headquarters to strongly encourage Corps leadership and perhaps the Office of Management and Budget, to allow reallocation of all funds necessary to keep our construction/CSDR Program/nourishment schedule intact for this coming winter.

Again, we are very grateful for your assistance and that of your very professional and experienced staff, especially Perry Chappell, in these efforts.

Regards,

Julia Olson-Boseman
Chair