



March 6, 2023

The Honorable David Rouzer
2333 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Rouzer:

As you know, the Water Resources Development Act of 2020, PL 116-260, authorized the Wilmington Harbor Navigation Improvement Project. The project directs the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to deepen the Wilmington Harbor from its current depth of 42 ft MLLW to a controlling depth of 47 ft MLLW.

Originated under the auspices of Section 203 allowing a non-federal entity to fully fund and conduct certain studies, the next step in this process is for the USACE to conduct the required environmental studies as a part of the National Environmental Policy Act compliance as well as review certain economic data. To support these important reviews and studies, the Authority respectfully requests your assistance in obtaining \$2,350,000 in FY24 Community Project Funding be provided to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District.

As always, we appreciate your continued support of the North Carolina State Ports Authority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BEC", enclosed in a light blue rectangular box.

Brian E. Clark
Executive Director