



Representative David Rouzer (NC 7th District)
2333 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Rouzer,

As the Mayor of Oak Island, I'm writing to offer enthusiastic community support for the Cape Fear Jetport/Howie Franklin Field Hangar-Taxiway Expansion Project.

The Jetport is a principal economic driver for our region and the Town of Oak Island in particular, as we directly benefit from 70% of the property and gas taxes generated by this asset in the range of \$7M annually. These funds are integral to stabilizing our local tax rate, especially during times of economic uncertainty.

Further, data provided in a January 2023 aviation publication ranks the Jetport fifth in North Carolina in terms of aviation impact on local and State economies to the tune of \$378,650,000, an increase of \$97.5M in the last two years. It also ranks as the fourth busiest NC airport measured by landings and take-offs and supports 12 local businesses, providing for over 2,000 local jobs.

The Cape Fear Jetport has proven to be a sound investment and income producing venture, where the money invested produces a return. Just as our County and Town are challenged by the sizeable growth we're experiencing, so the Jetport is similarly challenged by increasing demands for taxiways and hangars, making these expansion plans a mission imperative.

Thank you for advocating for this project. Oak Island will be proud to be among those in your District who are able to vouch for having benefitted from your efforts as our representative. I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Respectfully,

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Mayor

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