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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Brunswick Town Fort Anderson Shoreline Restoration Project by in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, located at 109 East Jones Street Raleigh, NC 27601. The funding would be used to install 1,438 linear feet of artificial reefs to support a naturally protected coastline by reducing the rate of sediment loss created by more frequent wake activity as a result of the Cape Fear River shipping channel. As a result, the restored and protected coastline will protect a nationally significant state historic site, support coastal resiliency by reducing the risks of flooding, and promote recreational fishing and outdoor recreation by attracting and protecting biodiversity.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the North Carolina Department of Cultural and Natural Resources is an active participant in NOAA's National Coastal Zone Management Program, providing public access to recreation while also protecting natural resources. North Carolina also participates in NOAA's Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program. Because North Carolina contains the second largest estuarine system in the United States, the state's Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP) Plan identified Brunswick County as a Coastal & Estuarine Land Protection Priority. The interaction between federal and state resources on protecting this coastline to ensure public access and cultural and natural resources protection shows this project is a responsible use of taxpayer funds.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Dave Rouzer

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