



March 14, 2023

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

Dear Congressman Rouzer:

On behalf of the board of directors and membership of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, I am writing today to thank you for your continued service to our community. As you know, the Wilmington regional economy is quite diverse and includes manufacturing, financial services, technology, logistics and distribution and many other sectors. As diverse as our economy is, tourism and hospitality remain large contributors to the number of jobs and economic impact in New Hanover County. We consider our beaches a treasure, not only to our economy, but also to our quality of life. Our beaches support job growth as well as attracting and retaining talent.

We appreciate your introduction of H.R. 524 which would exempt from CBRA inlet borrow sites that have been used for at least 15 years. Two projects off the coast of New Hanover County, Masonboro Inlet and Carolina Beach Inlet, would be eligible for this exemption. The exemption would allow the projects to return to the successful, cost-effective model previously used that provided healthy coastal infrastructure for decades.

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce supports the passage of H.R. 524.

Again, thank you for being a strong representative for our community. We always enjoy working with you.

Sincerely,

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

Natalie Haskins English, CCE
President and CEO

Cc: Tim Buckland, New Hanover County