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The Honorable Greg Murphy, MD
1105 Corporate Dr., Suite C
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RE: Support of Federal Funding for Dredging of Beaufort Harbor

Dear Congressman Murphy,

I am writing to you in support of Federal funding for the dredging of Beaufort Harbor. The Town of Beaufort recognizes the importance of safe navigation for both commercial and recreational vessels, and the vital role maintenance dredging plays in various areas throughout Carteret County.

Over the past few months, the Town has experienced significant shoaling in the mouth of Beaufort Harbor. To ensure safety in these most dangerous areas, staff continues to have conversations with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who is currently working on an Environmental Assessment (EA) of Beaufort Harbor.

While the dredging of Beaufort Harbor will provide protection and accessibility to a variety of boaters who frequent the area, it is also a critical piece in the Town's upcoming Waterfront Improvement Project.

Thank you for your continued support of dredge funding in Carteret County and Eastern North Carolina. We also appreciate your consideration of support for Federal funding for the dredging of Beaufort Harbor.

Sincerely,

Sharon E. Harker
Mayor of Beaufort

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