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Senator Marc Basnight, President Pro-Tem
NC Senate
16 W. Jones Street, Room 2007
Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

Representative Joe Hackney, Speaker
NC House of Representatives
16 W. Jones St., Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Senator Basnight and Representative Hackney:

On behalf of our 1000 + members of the Holden Beach Property Owners Association of Holden Beach, Brunswick County, NC, I am writing you on a matter that is most important to all property owners along the coast of North Carolina.

How do we help protect our wonderful beaches from erosion?

Specifically, the problem of erosion at the ends of barrier islands is unique and continues to pose a serious threat to public beach access, public and private property, businesses and infrastructure, and creating the risk of significant costs in reconstruction. North Carolina coastal communities are in need of every responsible beach management tool available to arrive at a long-term solution to the problems caused by shifting inlets.

Currently the only tool available is beach renourishment. Beach renourishment is effective along the main body of beaches, but beach renourishment alone has proven to be ineffective and costly trying to control erosion in the inlet areas at the end of barrier islands. *We need other options!*

The Coastal Resources Commission (CRC), under the direction of the North Carolina General Assembly, has completed its study and found that *Terminal Groins*, in combination with beach renourishment, can be effective at controlling erosion at the end of barrier islands. We believe that Terminal Groins principal purpose is to minimize and control down-drift sediment losses and beach erosion by catching shifting sand along the shoreline. We believe there is sufficient scientific and theoretical evidence to warrant a *Proof of Concept* (POC) project here at Holden Beach to prove this theory. This POC project would support efforts to stabilize the Lockwood Folly Inlet area.

The Holden Beach Property Owners Association, with 1,000 + members acting in the interest of more than 4,000 family members and over 260,000 annual visitors, supports early consideration and passage of legislation authorizing the Coastal Resources Commission to consider and allow the use of Terminal Groins, following site specific study as outlined in CRC recommendations, and urges the General Assembly to act favorably upon such legislation during the 2010 Short Session of the legislature.

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Lytvinenko". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

John Lytvinenko
President, Holden Beach Property Owners Association