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The Honorable G. K. Butterfield, Jr.
United States House of Representatives
413 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

It has come to my attention that on Friday, April 4, 2008, a request for an injunction to prohibit off-road vehicle access on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore will be heard in the U.S. District Court for Eastern North Carolina.

I write today to ask that the North Carolina Congressional Delegation join with citizens of Dare County and the rest of the users of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore to draft, sponsor, advocate and ratify legislation that will insure reasonable off-road vehicular access to the shorelines of our National Seashore.

Throughout the history of the National Seashore, as well as prior to its creation, the citizens of Dare County have used this shoreline to fish, swim, enjoy the surf and admire its natural beauty. They have done so in a manner that respects the natural resources, and the Dare County beaches are known throughout the nation, indeed throughout the world, for their continued natural beauty.

Unfortunately three special interest groups have come together in an effort to foist their agenda on the users of the National Seashore and are using the federal judicial system as the vehicle of choice.

And so it is that I lend my voice to the rising tide that cries out for legislative intervention to stop this unnecessary abuse of the judicial system and its potential harm to the people and the economy of Dare and Hyde counties.

There comes a time when one must stand up and say, "enough is enough" and this is that time. I respectfully implore you to take action on this matter and to do so as soon as possible. The culture, the heritage and the prosperity of your citizens are the matter at stake.

Thank you for your attention to this most important matter. I stand ready to assist you in any way, and look forward to the day when this dark and foreboding cloud is lifted and the spirit of joy returns to our National Seashore.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond P. Sturza, II". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R" and a distinct "II" at the end.

Raymond P. Sturza, II
Mayor