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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Friday, October 31, 2014 2:05:45 PM

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: As a homebuilder, we are dependant on the overall well being and economic vitality of the region, and one of the only ways we can achieve this is through staying on the cutting edge. Not only is deepening the harbor necessary to maintain our status of having a world class shipping port, it will also have a positive economic effect outside of just cargo volumes. If we are able to accomodate more ships as deepening the harbor will lessen the restrictions due to tide changes, more jobs will be created as a result. From here the benefits are endless as the entire region will reap the benefits of increased shipping volume.

From: [Lewis, Geoffrey](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Comments
Date: Friday, October 31, 2014 10:52:42 AM
Attachments: [Post 45 letter to USACE 2014 - GEL Engineering.pdf](#)

Please see attached.

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October 31, 2014

RE: Post 45 Comments

Attn: Mr. Mark Messersmith
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Charleston District
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

I write today to voice my full support for the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project. With the advent of larger ships being built and calling on US ports in the coming years, this deepening is critical for the United States to remain a viable trading and shipping partner in the world.

Maritime trade and transportation facilitates one of every 11 jobs statewide. It is the key reason for our tremendous economic growth since recruiting BMW in the early 1990s. Failure to deepen the harbor in order to accommodate, around the clock, huge new fully-loaded post-Panamax vessels that carry 13,000 TEUs would dampen our collective statewide efforts to create more jobs and improve the quality of life for our citizens.

Our Governor, the SC General Assembly, business groups and trade associations across the state all support harbor deepening, as demonstrated by the General Assembly's decision, in a bipartisan vote, to set aside the state's \$300 million share of the estimated funds needed for the project. South Carolina is the only state to have the foresight to take such a step. This action clearly demonstrates that our state, long known for its robust political climate, has come together in a unique and tangible way to support harbor deepening.

I have every confidence in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds that air emissions will ultimately be reduced as a result of larger, yet fewer ships calling on the Port, and that the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner.

Simply put, this project is a win-win for our economy and the environment and must be approved to help ensure the future prosperity of our state. I respectfully request that the recommendations be approved and that this project move forward as quickly as possible. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey T. Lewis
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Date: Friday, October 31, 2014 9:16:49 AM

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: I am in favor of this project moving forward. The Port is the life line of our state and we need to stay ahead of the competition in every way. Deepening the harbor to allow for heavier ships (more cargo) is a direct shot in the arm to SC. It helps the Port, the warehouses and the trucking companies by giving them an increase in volumes. We need to move forward with this project.

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: I support this program with enthusiasm! It is an environmentally friendly program that will have a positive impact on several levels. It benefits the local economy with jobs. It benefits the U.S. economy by offering a more cost effective way to compete in today's international supply chain. It keeps the east coast of the U.S. at the forefront of supporting technological advances that are being made on a global level.

From: [CHS Kurent Candice](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Deepening of Harbor
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2014 2:18:53 PM

Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith,

As a person who works in the maritime industry it is very important to me that the US Army Corp of Engineers moves forward with the proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

Although, my business is global, the Charleston port is highly utilized by most of my customers.

This not only will benefit myself and my company, but Charleston as a whole. We will continue to see more and more businesses coming to South Carolina and Charleston because of this.

Thank you for your support.

Regards,

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Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 3:09:27 PM

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Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I work for Container Maintenance Corporation and we commend the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers on a thorough and expedient report. We fully support the deepening project and look forward to the benefits that the deeper water will bring. We are a maintenance and repair company that employ over 120 people in the Charleston area and rely on this deepening project for our future existence.

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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 2:14:59 PM

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Email: [REDACTED]
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Draft FR/EIS Comment: I support the development of a new Port in Jasper County

From: [Bull, Marion](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support-Charleston Harbor Deepening
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 9:55:13 AM
Attachments: [SupportHarborDeepening-LMBull.pdf](#)

Please find attached my letter of support for the deepening of Charleston Harbor.

L. Marion Bull

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Leland Marion Bull

October 29, 2014

Mr. Mark Messersmith
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

I support the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

As a company engaged in international shipping, we are well aware of the investments in bigger ships to more efficiently move cargo around the globe. To realize the benefits of big ships, it is critical that they can move at a draft of 48 feet without tidal restrictions. That requires a channel depth of 52 feet.

This project is absolutely essential to South Carolina's economic future, as well as the future of U.S. distribution and manufacturing. While it is essential for ocean carriers, who need to call on modern ports capable of handling larger ships with deeper drafts, it is also important to me and my company.

In addition, South Carolina's Governor, General Assembly, business groups and other stakeholders have demonstrated broad support for harbor deepening. This support resulted in concrete action when the General Assembly, in a bipartisan vote, set aside the state's share of funding for the project—the only state to do so. This action demonstrates that South Carolina, long known for its robust political climate, has come together in a unique and tangible way to support harbor deepening. They understand what the international shipping community knows: this project is critical to moving cargo around the world.

I have confidence in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds that the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner.

Simply put, this project must go forward so that Charleston remains a top 10 United States container port.

The Corps and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project. I respectfully request that you do so.

Sincerely,

L. Marion Bull

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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Report/Environmental Impact Statement Comments
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Mr. Mark Messersmith

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District

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Charleston, SC 29403

Mark,

Santee Cooper is pleased to provide comments in support of the above referenced project. Kindly reply to this e-mail and advise that the comments have been satisfactorily received for the record.

Best regards,

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October 28, 2014

Mr. Mark Messersmith
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RE: Santee Cooper Comments to the Draft FR/EIS for Deepening the Charleston Harbor
(Post-45 Study)

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

The Charleston District published the Notice of Availability of the Draft FR/EIS on October 10, 2014, in the Federal Register, which initiated the public review and comment period for the concerned public, stakeholders, and resource agencies. Santee Cooper sincerely appreciates the opportunity to comment on this important project and we urge the Corps of Engineers to expeditiously approve the project on the merits stated herein.

Santee Cooper is South Carolina's state-owned electric and water utility, and the state's largest power producer. Santee Cooper provides power to more than two (2) million South Carolinians including more than 165,000 retail customers in Berkeley, Georgetown, and Horry Counties, 20 electric cooperatives with more than 700,000 customers located in the state's 46 counties, 29 large industrial facilities in 10 counties, the town of Bamberg, the city of Georgetown and the Charleston Air Force Base. Santee Cooper is mandated to provide low-cost reliable electricity to its residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers in South Carolina.

This project will be one of the defining moments for South Carolina's future in terms of economic growth, stability, and competitiveness to the region. The Charleston Port represents a significant regional and national economic impact with 20,000 companies in two dozen states relying on Charleston to access overseas markets. It is no secret that the shipping industry, just like our own electric power industry, is rapidly changing. New, Post-Panamax shipping vessels requiring deeper draft depths have already been calling on the Charleston Harbor years before the Panama Canal Expansion Project is scheduled for completion. These vessels are currently being forced to wait for tidal advantage at the entrance to the Charleston Harbor, which delays the ultimate import/export of valuable cargo; thereby increasing transportation costs for commerce and industry. Once the Panama Project has been completed, even more container traffic is expected for the South Atlantic Region.

With ship-builders upsizing in an effort to reduce costs for consumers and businesses, the U.S. needs a South Atlantic port able to efficiently handle these larger vessels. Charleston Harbor has been identified as one of 17 commercial strategic ports in the United States. It is currently the eighth largest U.S. seaport in cargo value at \$50 billion per year. Charleston is the ninth busiest of all the East Coast ports for container traffic with 1.38 million shipping container units

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per year. When comparing ports along the eastern seaboard, it becomes clear that Charleston provides the best return on investment.

Charleston Harbor is much less expensive to deepen and more efficient to maintain with fewer environmental issues. According to statistics from the SC State Ports Authority, the total cost of the last Charleston Harbor deepening to 45 feet in 2004 was 25 percent less than the mitigation costs alone for the Savannah project. The recent 45-foot deepening project provides a valuable foundation for the Corps to use existing studies, models, and engineering to save time and expense on the 52-foot deepening effort.

As an economic development arm of the state, Santee Cooper is keenly aware that jobs are an important result of a successful shipping industry. According to a recent article in the Professional Mariner, there are currently 260,000 port-related jobs in South Carolina alone accounting for 11% of all jobs in the state. People working in all 46 counties across South Carolina, throughout the Southeast, and beyond rely on international trade through the Port of Charleston. While we compete with other states for new business and jobs, the success of our port will drive our state's economic success. A basic economic model for any business is to create competitive advantage by offering something that no one else can. Charleston could do just that by offering the only 52-foot deep port in the South Atlantic.

The SC State Ports Authority has risen to the challenge of responsible growth to accommodate the shipping industry. While the first container ship in Charleston held around 600 containers in 1966, the port today handles ships carrying more than 9,000 20-foot shipping containers. Considering the Ports Authority's \$1.3-billion, 10-year capital plan for infrastructure improvements and new capacity on the land side, the only missing component is harbor-deepening on the water side.

In conclusion, next generation ships are getting bigger and they require next generation channels to accommodate them. With this fact as a current reality, not a speculative theory, the Southeast needs to be ready with 52-foot deep harbors. Santee Cooper supports the approval of this project and we look forward to a favorable outcome of the EIS.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this important project. Please feel free to call or reply if you need any additional information or clarification on Santee Cooper's comments.

Sincerely,



Lonnie N. Carter

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Cc: s.wise@indulor.net
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Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 2:49:04 PM

Name: Spencer Wise

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Address: 932 East Elm Graham, NC 27253

Draft FR/EIS Comment: Although I am not a resident of SC, my current employer does a majority of its business in SC. Therefore we bring in a large amount of containers and tankers through the Port of Charleston. Because of my vested interest, I thought it would be relevant for me to show my support for the proposed deepening of the port. The deepening of the Port of Charleston will enable my company to bring in raw materials in a more cost effective manner and will reduce our over-all logistics costs. By deepening the port, Charleston would not only assist my company, but would also be assisting the thousands of businesses that import/export materials through Charleston. By providing an improved logistics option for businesses in the region, the Port of Charleston would not only boost the economy of SC, but potentially the entire southeast! Thank you for your time, Michael Wise

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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 1:15:35 PM

Name: Don Pratt

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: Mr. Mark Messersmith U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District 69A Hagood Avenue Charleston, SC 29403 Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith: I write to endorse the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project. This project is absolutely essential to South Carolina's economic future, and the Governor, General Assembly, business groups and other stakeholders have demonstrated statewide support for harbor deepening. This support resulted in concrete action when the General Assembly, in a bipartisan vote, set aside the state's share of the estimated funds needed for the project—the only state to do so. This action demonstrates that our state, long known for its robust political climate, has come together in a unique and tangible way to support harbor deepening. I have confidence in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner. Simply put, this project must go forward for the economic well-being of our state for generations to come. Our port system is tied to one of every 11 jobs statewide. It is the key reason for our tremendous economic growth since recruiting BMW in the early 1990s. Failure to deepen the harbor to accommodate post-Panamax vessels around the clock would impact our collective statewide efforts to create more jobs and improve the quality of life for our citizens. USACE and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project. I respectfully request that you do so. Sincerely, Don Pratt Mt. Pleasant

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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
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Date: Monday, October 27, 2014 5:28:36 PM

Name: David Cloer

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Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: As an importer and exporter through Charleston I am excited about the potential that will be derived from the deepening of the Charleston port for my company, South Carolina business and those in proximity that use the port. The increase in jobs will be appreciated and is needed for Charleston. The deepening of the port is a plus for the southeast US as well. Additionally, my owning personal real estate on the harbor causes me no negative concerns about the deepening.

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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Monday, October 27, 2014 4:01:07 PM

Name: Karen Black

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I would like to voice my support for the harbor deepening project. This work can be done in an environmentally responsible manner, is VITAL to the health of not only Charleston, but the entire state, and has the financial support from legislature. It is essential to deepen the harbor, and can only help the state of SC remain competitive and grow/progress. Thank you.

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: tthornhill@cctre.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Monday, October 27, 2014 1:05:33 PM

Name: Thomas E. Thornhill
Email: tthornhill@cctre.com <<mailto:tthornhill%40cctre.com>>
Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: Charleston is an important harbor for national defense and the national economy. The Post 45 project is necessary to insure that the Charleston Harbor has the necessary depth to accept the larger ships expected with the opening of the enlarged Panama Canal. With the approval of this project, I hope that the disposal of the dredged material can be deposited on highland or moved back up-state or deposited at sea, so that no more marshland fish-breeding areas will be covered.

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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of support Post 45 LPP
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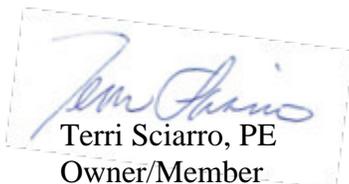
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Planning and Environmental Branch
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, South Carolina 29403

Subject: Letter of Support of Charleston Harbor Post 45 Study Local Preferred Plan

To Whom It May Concern,

After reviewing the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement (FR/EIS) for the Charleston Harbor Post 45 Study prepared by US Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District I am pleased to support the locally preferred plan of deepening the harbor to 52 feet. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance in support of this important project.

Thank you,



Terri Sciarro, PE
Owner/Member

From: [Linda Sledge](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [Randy Halfacre, President & CEO](#); [Nancy Hutto, Chair-Elect](#); julie.scott@scchamber.net
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Endorsement to Mr. Mark Messersmith
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GREATER LEXINGTON CHAMBER AND VISITORS CENTER

Mr. Mark Messersmith
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

On behalf of the Greater Lexington Chamber and Visitors Center, I write to endorse the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

This project is absolutely essential to South Carolina's economic future, and the Governor, General Assembly, business groups and other stakeholders have demonstrated statewide support for harbor deepening.

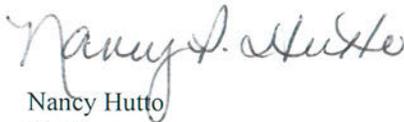
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Simply put, this project must go forward for the economic well-being of our state for generations to come. Our port system is tied to one of every 11 jobs statewide. It is the key reason for our tremendous economic growth since recruiting BMW in the early 1990s. Failure to deepen the harbor to accommodate post-Panamax vessels around the clock would impact our collective statewide efforts to create more jobs and improve the quality of life for our citizens.

USACE and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project. I respectfully request that you do so.

Sincerely,



Nancy Hutto
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cc: Randy Halfacre
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Please see the attached letter for my view on the deepening of the Charleston Harbor.

Thanks,

Chad

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Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

I write to endorse the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

This project is absolutely essential to our region and our state's economic future, and the Governor, General Assembly, business groups and other stakeholders have demonstrated statewide support for harbor deepening.

Charleston's ports contribute more than \$44 billion in annual economic impact to our state and the proposed deepening will help to ensure that our ports are positioned to compete globally for many, many years to come. The deepening will allow us to accommodate the Post Panamax ships 24/7 and 365 days per year. The deepening is critical to maintain our global competitiveness.

I have confidence in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner.

USACE and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have my full support to approve this project. Please move this project as fast as possible.

Sincerely,

Chad Livingston
Premier Logistics

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Sunday, October 26, 2014 2:35:27 PM

Name: Diane Mozoski

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I could not be more proud of our state. This will definitely be a game changer for SC.

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Sunday, October 26, 2014 10:21:42 AM

Name: John Rizzo

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: Im really excited for the harbor deepening project as it will continue to make Charleston a hub for international trade. I believe its the most important project in the area as it has a multiplier effect across multiple industries. Its critical for us to take action and continue supporting the growth of the region through the Port.

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Sunday, October 26, 2014 9:10:38 AM

Name: Jerry Shive

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: SC and the surrounding states would benefit tremendously from the deepening of the Charleston harbor! Our economic development really needs this project and would be a very good use of funds?

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2014 11:51:04 AM

Name: Jack H Daniel Jr.

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: Our family strongly supports deepening Charleston harbor and its approaches to a minimum of 52 feet. This depth is required due to the advance of larger ships requiring deeper water. Moreover, the project is the most cost effective of all east coast dredging projects. Time is of the essence and we need to get started as soon as possible. Thank you, Jack H Daniel Jr

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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2014 11:51:03 AM

Name: Jack H Daniel Jr.

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: Our family strongly supports deepening Charleston harbor and its approaches to a minimum of 52 feet. This depth is required due to the advance of larger ships requiring deeper water. Moreover, the project is the most cost effective of all east coast dredging projects. Time is of the essence and we need to get started as soon as possible. Thank you, Jack H Daniel Jr

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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2014 10:18:40 AM

Name: Gerard E. Baldwin

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: As a retired member of the maritime industry in Charleston I am writing to show my full support of the U S Army Corps of Engineers Draft integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement and the 52 foot recommendation During my 40 year career as an active member of the industry, Vice President, South Atlantic of the second largest containership line in the world; office manager of a 300 person office located in Mount Pleasant; as an active, a member of the National Transportation Banquet Committee that has given away more than \$250,000 in scholarships to local students; a willing volunteer in the community who spearheaded the creation of a \$50,000 endowment to the College of Charleston's new Supply Chain Logistics major; and who currently is the Administrator of the Charleston Port & Seafarers society, a Seamen's Ministry I have lived the life of the maritime industry and seen what it can do for the men and women in Charleston. During my career I saw the Port of Charleston become the dominant Port in the South Atlantic and then fall to a very low point. While it has been rising more recently, the continued growth of the Port of Charleston is absolutely constrained by the water depth. Over my career I have had vessels consistently held either at the sea bouy or at the dock because there was not enough water for the vessel to enter or depart the port, even though the draft of the vessel was well within the capabilities of the vessel. Please keep in mind that in many cases I am speaking of 3,000 to 5,000 TEU vessels which by today's standards are considered small container ships. When we introduced the first 8,000 TEU ship to Charleston the problem was compounded. Today 10,000 TEU vessels have already called Charleston and 12,000 to 14,000 are projected after the opening of the new Panama Canal and the raising of the Bayonne Bridge. Export cargos from the South Atlantic are naturally heavy commodities such as chemicals, clay and forest products. These items make up the base of Charleston's exports and are topped off by many other products. Without sufficient water these larger vessels will not be able to enter or leave our Port 24 hours a day. If a vessel is delayed 12 hours arriving or sailing the costs to the company are enormous. The Port of Charleston's ability to handle post-Panamax vessels 24 hours a day without tidal restriction is critical to the future competitiveness of our state port system. A 52- foot deepening project will facilitate such a scenario by expanding the Port of Charleston's ability to handle the post-Panamax vessels now dominating the ocean carrier industry. A 52-foot harbor depth that can accommodate fully-loaded post-Panamax vessels in the South Atlantic is a necessity for the economic growth of the entire country. To achieve that end, Charleston is the only viable option. Deepening Charleston Harbor to 52-feet will help facilitate trade and economic development for our entire state, region and nation, which is why this project has such unyielding, bipartisan support from our Congressional Delegation and SC General Assembly, who previously set aside the state's share of construction costs. At the time this was done, no other state had the foresight or political will to take such an action. We also have every confidence that this project will be accomplished with minimal environmental impact and that mitigation measures will go above and beyond what is required. Additionally, a deeper harbor will result in fewer (though larger) ships calling on Charleston, which will result in less air emissions. A 52-foot harbor will be a win-win situation for our economy and our environment. The expertise and professionalism displayed by the US Army Corps of Engineers on this study is to be commended. I fully support this project and the recommendation set forth in the study.

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2014 8:54:32 AM

Name: Elliott Quinn

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I write to express my support for the TSP especially in light of the fact that the FR found that "the entire project is economically justified" and the EIS found essentially no significant environmental impacts. The amelioration of the project's environmental impact by preservation of 831 acres of wetlands in the Francis Marion National Forest should alleviate any concerns about environmental impacts. The project would likely be a net environmental gain as the protection of the Francis Marion National Forest from encroaching suburban development is one of the larger environmental issues facing the Charleston regional area. The economic impact of the project cannot be emphasized enough. Over 260,000 jobs across South Carolina are tied to the port of Charleston, resulting in an annual economic impact of more than \$44.8 billion. Ultimately, the EIS reveals no significant environmental impacts and the feasibility study reveals a net economic gain. The project should thus proceed rapidly, and hopefully can be completed by some time in 2019 or 2020.

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: Charles_Collins@kindermorgan.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Friday, October 24, 2014 1:26:14 PM

Name: Chuck Collins
Email: Charles_Collins@kindermorgan.com <mailto:Charles_Collins%40kindermorgan.com>
Address: 1801 Milford Street Charleston sC
Draft FR/EIS Comment: I support the Post 45 Draft Report along with the Environmental Impact Statement.

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: Wilson_Browning@Kindermorgan.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Friday, October 24, 2014 1:10:12 PM

Name: Will Browning
Email: Wilson_Browning@Kindermorgan.com <mailto:Wilson_Browning%40Kindermorgan.com>
Address: 1500 Greenleaf Street, Charleston SC
Draft FR/EIS Comment: I strongly support the Charleston Harbor Deepening project. Wilson J. Browning III Commercial Director, Southeast Region Kinder Morgan Terminals 1500 Greenleaf Street, Charleston, SC 29405 Direct Phone:843-577-2073 Mobile Phone: 843-319-7801 Email: Wilson_Browning@Kindermorgan.com

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: brown.mcleod@walltempleton.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Friday, October 24, 2014 12:26:32 PM

Name: Brown McLeod

Email: brown.mcleod@walltempleton.com <<mailto:brown.mcleod%40walltempleton.com>>

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I am writing in support of the US Army Corp of Engineers Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and recommendation of 52 feet for the Charleston Harbor Deepening project. I believe that the economic benefit of the project will far outweigh any environmental concerns that may exist primarily because the use of larger ships may reduce the actual number of ships that use the harbor thus reducing air emissions. The anticipated benefit will not only impact the greater Charleston area, but also the State and southeast.

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: craig_mullins@kindermorgan.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Friday, October 24, 2014 12:20:44 PM

Name: Craig Mullins

Email: craig_mullins@kindermorgan.com <mailto:craig_mullins%40kindermorgan.com>

Address: 1500 Greenleaf Street, Charleston, SC 29405

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I support the study / EIS and dredging of the Charleston Harbor to post 45' (52 feet). If we do not do this, Charleston Port will be at a disadvantage and not competitive with other ports of call. The deepening of the harbor will also increase the utilization of the facilities that already exist since the movements will not be tide restricted. Charleston has a long proud history of maritime service and should lead the way into the future with this study and post 45' dredging. Thanks for allowing my comments.

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: james.posda@gel.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Friday, October 24, 2014 12:16:54 PM

Name: Jim Posda

Email: james.posda@gel.com <<mailto:james.posda%40gel.com>>

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I fully support the deepening of Charleston Harbor to 52-feet. The work will support the manufacturing facilities both in our state and region. It is also a critical infrastructure project to keep our state, region and nation economically strong. I also appreciate the state, SPA and Federal government working together on this important public works project for the good of our nation. Thank You.

From: [Lawrence Puckhaber](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45
Date: Friday, October 24, 2014 12:14:24 PM

Superior Transportation, Inc. employs 75 full-time people that are directly influenced by the Port of Charleston.

This project is essential to our company and the 75 families that depend on our continued growth.

Please allow this project to move forward in order to protect South Carolina's largest economic engine.

Regards,

Lawrence Puckhaber

Vice President

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From: [Pat Barber](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Comments
Date: Friday, October 24, 2014 9:28:45 AM

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments concerning Charleston's harbor deepening project.

I operate Superior Transportation in North Charleston. We employ eighty people, and the vast majority of the jobs we provide pay upper middle class wages. The harbor deepening is extremely important to these families. Harbor deepening simply equates to long term job security for our Superior families, and thousands of others in our state and region. Charleston's natural harbor is an incredibly important asset for our entire country. It's essential this harbor deepening project move forward without any further delays.

Charleston has the potential to become a world class container port. Our Governor, General Assembly, and the entire business community is behind this effort.

Let's keep moving forward with this project.

Regards,

Patrick T. Barber

President/CEO

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From: [Sandy Boozer](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: owenen@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SENT ON BEHALF OF JACK SHULER: PABC Port Comments
Date: Friday, October 24, 2014 9:03:34 AM
Attachments: [pabcportdeepeningletteroct2014.pdf](#)

Please see attachment for a letter from Palmetto AgriBusiness Council, concerning the harbor deepening at the Charleston Port.

Thank you,

Jack Shuler

President

Palmetto AgriBusiness Council

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October 23, 2014

Mr. Mark Messersmith
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

The Palmetto Agribusiness Council (PABC) supports the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project. PABC represents some of the largest agribusiness employers in South Carolina with a mission to sustain the economic viability of the state's largest industry which contributes \$34 billion to the economy and provides 200,000 jobs.

Ag exports from South Carolina and across the nation are heavier than imports. Combined with the larger ships being deployed in global commerce, this puts increased importance on deeper shipping channels, and Charleston is the ideal harbor to deliver a true next-generation harbor for the Southeast's key exports.

Already more than 30% of Charleston's container volume is related to ag products. This business is expanding with global demand for high-quality South Carolina agricultural goods and with the expansion of our agri-business sector.

Charleston deepening to -52 feet is absolutely essential to South Carolina's economic future, and the Governor, General Assembly, business groups and other stakeholders have demonstrated statewide support for harbor deepening. This support resulted in concrete action when South Carolina set aside the local share for the project, showing that our state has come together to support harbor deepening.

We have confidence in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner.

The USACE and S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project, and we respectfully request that you advance the project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack W. Shuler", written over a horizontal line.

Jack W. Shuler
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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Thursday, October 23, 2014 11:36:52 AM

Name: Lisa Villeponteaux

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: As a young professional in our region, I think it is of the utmost importance to have our harbor deepened. We all know the port is a major economic player in the Charleston region, and has served our community well. But like with all business, if we don't work to grow and expand it, the next business will. I feel like if we don't capitalize on what we have, Savannah or Jacksonville will. Do we really want to not even be in the competition for the post Panamax ships? I strongly urge you to move forward with the harbor deepening plan!

From: [Sessions, Donna](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 52-foot Harbor Deepening Project
Date: Thursday, October 23, 2014 9:46:49 AM

Mr. Mark Messersmith

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District

69A Hagood Avenue

Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

As a SC State Ports Authority employee, I urge the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to move forward with the proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

In addition to the 500 SCPA employees like me who depend on the port for our livelihood, this project is important to 260,800 people across South Carolina whose jobs are created because of port operations.

Our terminal productivity is the best in the nation, but to truly be competitive in our region we also must have the ability to serve post-Panamax ships without tidal restriction.

The Governor, General Assembly and leaders across our state have shown their support for this effort. This project is not just important to Charleston. Companies in every county of South Carolina depend on our port to import materials and goods for their business and export their finished products to customers across the globe.

I have confidence in the USACE Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner.

USACE and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project. I respectfully request that you do so.

Sincerely,

Donna T. Sessions

Senior Clerk

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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: theichelbech@choateco.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 8:42:15 PM

Name: Tim Heichelbech

Email: theichelbech@choateco.com <<mailto:theichelbech%40choateco.com>>

Address: 1671 Belle Isle Avenue, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I really this project is essential to South Carolina's economic future, and the port is tied to one out of every eleven jobs statewide. As a 15 year resident of Charleston, I have come to realize the importance of the port and its impact on Charleston, South Carolina, and our Southeast region. I vote that the harbor be deepened so as to not let Savannah or any other East Coast port take the lead in shipping.

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 4:32:40 PM

Name: Carl Wohlfeil

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: Did you evaluate the option of building offshore terminals to accommodate the larger vessels against the harbor deepening option? It seems as though offshore terminals are a much more viable solution, given their ability to create even more port jobs, have less impact on the environment, and meet ANY future measure of ship size beyond Panamax. Can you clarify? Thanks!

From: [Donna Carpenter](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: owenen@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Harbor Deeping - YES!
Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 2:57:21 PM

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

I support the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

As a company engaged in facilitating international shipping, we are well aware of the investments in bigger ships to more efficiently move cargo around the globe. To realize the benefits of big ships, it is critical that they can move at a draft of 48 feet without tidal restrictions. That requires a channel depth of 52 feet.

This project is absolutely essential to South Carolina's economic future, as well as the future of U.S. distribution and manufacturing. While it is essential for ocean carriers, who need to call on modern ports capable of handling larger ships with deeper drafts, it is also important to me and my company.

In addition, South Carolina's Governor, General Assembly, business groups and other stakeholders have demonstrated broad support for harbor deepening. This support resulted in concrete action when the General Assembly, in a bipartisan vote, set aside the state's share of funding for the project—the only state to do so. This action demonstrates that South Carolina, long known for its robust political climate, has come together in a unique and tangible way to support harbor deepening. They understand what the international shipping community knows: this project is critical to moving cargo around the world.

I have confidence in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds that the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner.

Simply put, this project must go forward so that Charleston remains a top 10 United States container port.

The Corps and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project. I respectfully request that you do so.

Sincerely,

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From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 2:29:44 PM

Name: Josh Dix

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: The dredging project is essential to the future lifeblood of our port, state, and region. The recommended 52 foot dredge will allow our port to be operational 24 hours a day and not dependent on tidal restrictions. The initial draft is encouraging and I look forward to the final recommendation next year.

From: [Bennett, James](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Harbor Deepening
Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 1:20:34 PM

October 22, 2014

Mr. Mark Messersmith
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Mr. Messersmith,

As a former member of the South Carolina Ports Authority, I am writing in support of the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

Feasibility reports and import statements have all indicated that this project can be accomplished in an environmentally responsible manner.

Harbor deepening is one of the few issues in South Carolina where the Governor, General Assembly and the business community can come together in a bipartisan way to support the economic development of this state.

This project must go forward for the economic vitality of our state. Without it, we will not be able to keep pace with job creation and this would have an adverse effect on the quality of life in South Carolina.

Sincerely,

James A. Bennett
EVP, Director of Public Affairs

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From: [Hartsell, Dawn](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Charleston Harbor Deepening Effort
Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 11:14:13 AM
Attachments: [Messersmith, Mark re harbor deepening effort 2014-10-22.pdf](#)

Dear Mr. Messersmith,

Please find attached a letter from President David J. Cole, MD, FACS of the Medical University of South Carolina addressing the Charleston Harbor deepening effort. Feel free to contact me should you need anything further. Thank you.

Regards,

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October 22, 2014

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69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

I write to endorse the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

Now you might be asking yourself, "Why does this matter to MUSC?" I could write you at length regarding the economic growth of the Charleston region, and how MUSC's innovative biomedical activities relate to the need for a robust and thriving port. Further, I might remind you the impact this growth will have on MUSC faculty, staff and employees and their families with the creation of future jobs from a deepened port, as we are the largest employer in the area outside the federal government. I hope it will suffice to say that deepening the port means a stronger, more economically viable Charleston, and a stronger Charleston makes for a stronger MUSC. Both the deepening of the port and MUSC's success are vital to the growth of this area and the state at large.

Our organizational leadership understands that the Governor, General Assembly, business groups and other stakeholders have demonstrated statewide support for harbor deepening. This support resulted in concrete action when the General Assembly, in a bipartisan vote, set aside the state's share of the estimated funds needed for the project—the only state to do so. This action demonstrates that our state, long known for its challenging political climate, has come together in a unique and tangible way to support harbor deepening.

MUSC is particularly cognizant of the project being approached with respect for the collective health of our citizens and our environment. We have confidence in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner.

USACE and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project. In thinking about the long-term benefits to MUSC that will come from deepening the port, I respectfully request that you do what you can to move this important project forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Cole MD", written in a cursive style.

David J. Cole, MD, FACS
President

Medical University of South Carolina

From: [Fred Whittle](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CHS Port Deepening Ltr
Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 8:55:48 AM
Attachments: [Buck Ltr CHS Harbor Deepening.pdf](#)

Dear Mr. Messersmith,

Please find attached a letter in support of the Charleston Harbor Deepening Project from Mr. Edgar A. Buck, Sr.

Sincerely,

Frederick J. Whittle

Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

Jupiter Holdings, LLC

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Charleston, SC 29407

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M. 843-834-6623



October 22, 2014

Mr. Mark Messersmith
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Mr. Messersmith,

As an entrepreneur and business owner, a taxpayer, defender of the natural world, and a concerned citizen, I stand in full support of deepening Charleston Harbor to 52 feet.

Time is of the essence for this port and the country, as the expanded Panama Canal opening looms, to act with assurance and speed to deepen harbors to accommodate greatly enlarged ship sizes and move the life blood of the country's economic body – ocean carrier shipping.

One of the few vitally important and necessary roles of government is public works projects like harbor infrastructure. Reasonable environmental costs, and there are very few and minor ones in this case, are justified by public benefit in terms of raising general economic wealth and improving our quality of life.

Our southeast region needs the Charleston Port to be a leading ocean shipping nexus, capable of taking all ships during all tidal periods.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Edgar A. Buck, Sr.' in a cursive script.

Edgar A. Buck, Sr.
Chairman of the Board

From: [Matthew Cline](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Charleston Harbor Post-45 Project
Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 8:46:26 AM
Attachments: [14-10-22 Charleston Harbor Post-45 Project.pdf](#)

Mr. Mark Messersmith.

See attached letter for consideration. Thank you for your time.

Thanks,

Matthew D. Cline, P.E.

Cline Engineering, Inc.

410 Mill Street, Suite 302

Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

C: (843) 991-7239

Mr. Mark Messersmith
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

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Sincerely,

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Matthew Cline

From: [Faith Cook](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: owenen@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Harbor Deeping - YES!
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 3:57:28 PM

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

I support the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

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Sincerely,

Best Regards,

Faith Cook
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478 Wando Park Blvd.
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From: [Lindsey McLeavy](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: owenen@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] HARBOR DEEPENING - YES
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 3:53:11 PM

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

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Sincerely,

Lindsey P. McLeavy

Ocean Export Customer Service

C.H. Powell Company

478 Wando Park Blvd.

Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Tel: 843-856-2483

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Email: LpMcLeavy@chpowell.com <<mailto:LpMcLeavy@chpowell.com>>

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From: [Metheney, Lisa A SAC](#)
To: [Messersmith, Mark J SAC](#)
Cc: [Williams, Brian P SAC](#); [Walters, Bret L SAC](#); [Litz, John T LTC SAC](#); [Jeffries, Glenn E SAC](#)
Subject: FW: Can you please see that this gets forwarded accordingly? Thanks. (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 3:46:52 PM
Attachments: [SC Delegation - Charleston Deepening Project.pdf](#)

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Caveats: NONE

Mark

Please place this with the official comments on Post 45.

Lisa

-----Original Message-----

From: King, Andrew (L. Graham) [<mailto:Andrew.King@lgraham.senate.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 11:27 AM
To: Metheney, Lisa A SAC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Can you please see that this gets forwarded accordingly? Thanks.

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 20, 2014

Mr. Mark Messersmith
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

We write to express our full support for the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot Charleston Harbor Deepening Project.

This project is essential to South Carolina's economic future, and as members of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation, we join with the Governor, the State Legislature, business groups and other stakeholders to demonstrate statewide support for the proposed 52 foot harbor deepening project. In 2013, the South Carolina General Assembly, in a bipartisan vote, set aside the state's share of the estimated funds needed for the project, becoming the only state to do so. On the federal side, we continue to work in securing the necessary federal funds to keep this project moving in the most expeditious manner possible.

We have confidence in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner. We strongly encourage the Corps to align the Selected Plan with the Locally Preferred Plan so that the project can be fully cost shared as outlined by law between the federal government and the non-federal sponsor.

Ultimately, this project must go forward for the economic well-being of our state and the region. The Charleston port is tied to one of every 11 jobs statewide and it is the key reason for our tremendous economic growth since recruiting BMW in the early 1990s. Failure to deepen the harbor to 52 feet in order to accommodate post-Panamax vessels around the clock would adversely impact our collective statewide efforts to create more jobs and improve the quality of life for our citizens.

The future of shipping is 52 feet, which is why we feel it so important to go on record as a delegation expressing our unequivocal support. Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to our continued partnership with the Corps of Engineers so that we may accomplish the best project for the nation's economy and our environment. If we can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

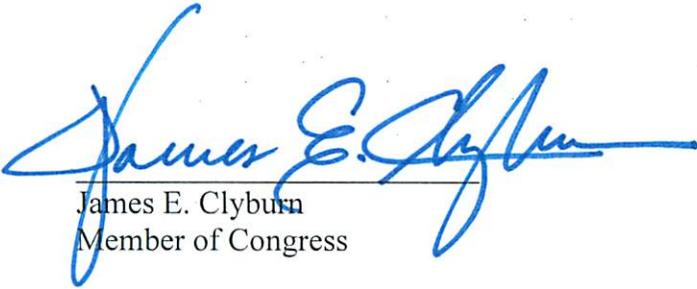
Sincerely,



Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senator



Tim Scott
United States Senator



James E. Clyburn
Member of Congress



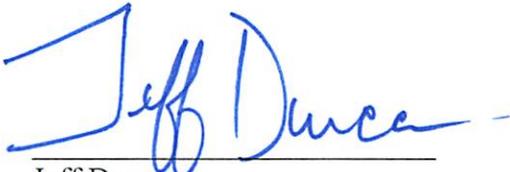
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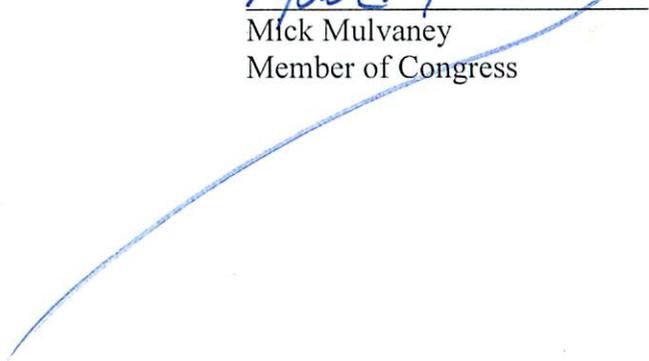
Jeff Duncan
Member of Congress



Mick Mulvaney
Member of Congress



Tom Rice
Member of Congress



From: [Eric Hansel](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: owenen@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Harbor Deeping - YES!
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 3:41:39 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Sincerely,

Eric W. Hansel, LCB
Corporate Clearance, CH Powell Company
478 Wando Park Blvd.
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464
Direct Line: 843-654-5205
www.chpowell.com

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Monday, October 20, 2014 4:49:52 PM

Name: Lou Mello

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I would like to add my support for the recommended deepening of Charleston Harbor to 52 feet. This will enable Charleston to add significantly to the economic improvement of not only South Carolina, but, to the nation as a whole. The ability to handle larger post-Panamax vessels will allow fewer vessels to call the port while carrying more containers. This will help to reduce air emissions while being a win-win for our economy and environment. Thanks so much for the opportunity to comment.

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: kschnede@eastman.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Monday, October 20, 2014 4:23:40 PM

Name: Klaus Schnede

Email: kschnede@eastman.com <<mailto:kschnede%40eastman.com>>

Address: 200 South Wilcox Drive, Bldg. 471, Kingsport, TN 37662

Draft FR/EIS Comment: To Mr. Mark Messersmith Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith: On behalf of the board members and community supported by the South Carolina International Trade Conference, I write to endorse the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project. As a export centric company it is essential that we continue to channel our export products through the port of Charleston in the future. Leaving Charleston behind and not deepen the existing draft channel would be a disservice to any exporter and importer doing business through the port of Charleston today. We fully lend our support for this harbor deeping project to bring te draft to 52 feet in the near future! Thank you. Sincerely, Klaus Schnede Manager Marine-Air-Facilities Procurement Eastman Chemical Company

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Monday, October 20, 2014 3:08:34 PM

Name: Barbara C. Smith

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: South Carolina ports bring in a great deal of money to our state as well as providing the opportunity for many jobs. I believe the deepening benefits everyone in our state as well as surrounding states. I strongly urge the Army Corps of Engineers to move forward with completing this project.

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: staff@maritimesc.org
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Monday, October 20, 2014 1:53:42 PM

Name: Maritime Association of SC

Email: staff@maritimesc.org <<mailto:staff%40maritimesc.org>>

Address: 899 Morrison Dr., Charleston, SC 29403

Draft FR/EIS Comment: The Maritime Association of SC voices its full support for the US Army Corps of Engineers Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement. As a trade association whose mission is to promote, protect and advance the interests of the Port of Charleston and all associated industries, we enthusiastically embrace the report's recommendation of 52-feet for the Post-45 Charleston Harbor Deepening project. The Port of Charleston's ability to handle post-Panamax vessels 24 hours a day without tidal restriction is critical to the future competitiveness of our state port system. A 52-foot deepening project will facilitate such a scenario by expanding the Port of Charleston's ability to handle the post-Panamax vessels now dominating the ocean carrier industry. The Panama Canal expansion and the raising of the Bayonne Bridge in New Jersey are expected to result in even larger vessels calling on the East Coast more frequently. With US container trade expected to be export-dominant by 2020, and export containers typically weighing three tons more than import boxes, the need for a Southeast port with a 52-foot harbor depth that can accommodate fully-loaded post-Panamax vessels is a necessity for the economic growth of the entire country. To achieve that end, Charleston is the only option. Deepening Charleston Harbor to 52-feet will help facilitate trade and economic development for our entire state, region and nation, which is why this project has such unyielding, bipartisan support from our Congressional Delegation and SC General Assembly, who previously set aside the state's share of construction costs. No other state had the foresight or political will to take such an action. We also have every confidence that this project will be accomplished with minimal environmental impact and that mitigation measures will go above and beyond what is required. Additionally, a deeper harbor will result in fewer (though larger) ships calling on Charleston, which will result in less air emissions. A 52-foot harbor will be a win-win situation for our economy and our environment. The expertise and professionalism displayed by the US Army Corps of Engineers on this study is to be commended. The Maritime Association of SC reiterates its support for this project and the recommendation set forth in the study. We stand ready to assist the Army Corps in any way possible to see a 52-foot harbor depth come to fruition. Sincerely, Pam Zaresk Denver Merrill President Vice President

From: [Alicia Smith](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [Rita Berry](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of support - harbor deepening project
Date: Monday, October 20, 2014 12:23:13 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[Letter of support for the harbor deepening project.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good afternoon Mr. Messersmith:

The Greater Summerville/Dorchester County Chamber of Commerce would like to express our support for the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project. Attached please find our letter of support.

Sincerely,

Alicia Smith

Director of Communications & Marketing

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October 1st & 2nd 7 Habits Signature Training presented by CSU
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<<http://summervillechamber.chambermaster.com/Events/details/annual-legislative-luncheon-12310>>

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October 20, 2014

Mr. Mark Messersmith
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

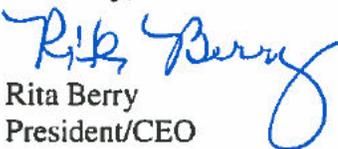
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Sincerely,


Rita Berry
President/CEO

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"It's a great day in Summerville & Dorchester County!"

The Chamber mission is to protect and promote the quality of life in the community, with specific emphasis on improving economic vitality and providing a favorable business climate.

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From: [Kara Ramsey](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Charleston Harbor Deepening
Date: Monday, October 20, 2014 10:21:31 AM

Mr. Mark Messersmith

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District

69A Hagood Avenue

Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

As a SC State Ports Authority employee, I urge the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to move forward with the proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

In addition to the 500 SCPA employees like me who depend on the port for our livelihood, this project is important to 260,800 people across South Carolina whose jobs are created because of port operations.

Our terminal productivity is the best in the nation, but to truly be competitive in our region we also must have the ability to serve post-Panamax ships without tidal restriction.

The Governor, General Assembly and leaders across our state have shown their support for this effort. This project is not just important to Charleston. Companies in every county of South Carolina depend on our port to import materials and goods for their business and export their finished products to customers across the globe.

I have confidence in the USACE Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner.

USACE and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project. I respectfully request that you do so.

Sincerely,

Kara Ramsey

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Sunday, October 19, 2014 10:07:36 PM

Name: Ellen V. Ruffin

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I believe deepening the Harbor in Charleston will be a benefit to all the citizens of South Carolina. This is a project that the state of South Carolina should be working on.
Thanks, Ellen Ruffin

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Saturday, October 18, 2014 9:55:00 PM

Name: Jeanette Ravenell

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: The deepening of the Charleston port will be a economical boost to the entire state of SC. More ships coming in with cargo for this state & other states would be good, Good paying job at the port and in other areas also effects crimes & in so many other areas. It would not be a environmental hazard.

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: david.fichman@suntrust.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Saturday, October 18, 2014 11:43:45 AM

Name: Dave Fichman

Email: david.fichman@suntrust.com <<mailto:david.fichman%40suntrust.com>>

Address: 276 East Bay Street, Charleston, SC 29401

Draft FR/EIS Comment: SC Ports are an \$44.8 billion economic engine for our state and account for more than 260,000 jobs in South Carolina. The Harbor deepening project is essential to South Carolina's future. We believe the deepening benefits everyone in our state as well as surrounding states. The deepening can be completed in an environmentally responsible manner. We urge the Army Corps of Engineers to move forward with the construction and completion of this project.

From: [Doug Robertson](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: owenen@dhec.sc.gov; [Ashley Iseman](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SCPA proposed 52-foot harbor deepening
Date: Saturday, October 18, 2014 10:02:17 AM

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District

69A Hagood Avenue

Charleston, SC 29403

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Sincerely,

Doug Robertson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: richard.spiehs@suntrust.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Friday, October 17, 2014 9:40:19 PM

Name: Ric Spiehs

Email: richard.spiehs@suntrust.com <<mailto:richard.spiehs%40suntrust.com>>

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I believe that deepening the harbor will benefit the entire state of South Carolina and it can be done in a way that will not harm the environment.

From: [Nichols, John](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Charleston Harbor
Date: Friday, October 17, 2014 5:59:54 PM
Attachments: [MESSERSMITH-10172014173844.pdf](#)

Attached is a letter of support for the deepening of Charleston Harbor.

Thank you for your efforts,

John Nichols , Sr. V P

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| Cell – 843-307-2191....We're On It!

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John S. Nichols
Senior Vice President

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: 1@gototeam.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Friday, October 17, 2014 2:22:36 PM

Name: Patrick Bryant

Email: 1@gototeam.com <<mailto:1%40gototeam.com>>

Address: 359 Wando Place Drive, Charleston, SC 29464

Draft FR/EIS Comment: We need this expansion of port capabilities in Charleston harbor. As the owner of several businesses with more than 20 employees (Go To Team, Cigar Row, Media Content Services, and Southeaston Systems), I urge the US Army Corp of Engineers to complete this project! Charleston harbor is the most efficient location on the eastern seaboard to compete with other nations around the globe for trade. Charleston is uniquely capable of natural resources combined with access to the entire region and a strong work force. Please complete this project!

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: jbozard@coastalcorr.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Friday, October 17, 2014 1:21:01 PM

Name: Jim Bozard

Email: jbozard@coastalcorr.com <<mailto:jbozard%40coastalcorr.com>>

Address: P.O. Box 41249 North Charleston, SC 29423

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I am the Founder & CEO of Coastal Corrugated, Inc., a packaging manufacturer that supplies shipping containers to manufacturers of many products made in this state. The fact that SC Ports are an \$44.8 billion economic engine for our state and account for more than 260,000 jobs in South Carolina means that making the port accessible to as many ships as possible is imperative to sustaining the type growth that this area needs. Our future can be greatly enhanced by deepening the port and if we don't, Savannah will and there will go a great deal of revenue that Charleston and SC needs. In fact the entire state will benefit from the revenue the port will bring in, as it has for hundreds of years. This appeal does not threaten our state environmentally and will only serve to enhance the standard of living here in our state. I want to urge the Army Corps of Engineers to move forward with the construction and completion of this project. Thank you for considering one man's strong feelings on this vital subject.

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Friday, October 17, 2014 1:18:19 PM

Name: Davide Wenger

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: As a 4th generation Charlestonian, I feel it is vital that we deepen our port. The Charleston Port is integral part of our economy, not only locally but also state wide. The port has a \$44 Billion dollar economic impact and accounts for morer than 260,000 jobs. We DO NOT want to lose any economic growth potencial and jobs due to our inability to do what is needed to grow our economy. Coming from an industry that deals directly with business' and being close to ownership, I understand that how important it is to be able to bring larger ships to our economy. There is no reason why we can not be enviromentally sound while deepening our port. If we don't, then other ports will and not only Charleston, but the entire state of SC will lose. I appreciate you taking the time to read this comment. Thanks!! Regards, David Wenger

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: mark.lattanzio@suntrust.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Friday, October 17, 2014 12:40:56 PM

Name: Mark Lattanzio

Email: mark.lattanzio@suntrust.com <<mailto:mark.lattanzio%40suntrust.com>>

Address: 276 East Bay Street, Charleston, S.C. 29401

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I am Region President for SunTrust Bank in the Lowcountry of Charleston. I have 130 employees and 13 branches serving the tri-county region. I work less than a mile from the SC Port's Union Pier and live less than a mile from the Port's Wando Welch Terminal. The S.C. Port is the primary economic driver for the state of South Carolina with over 250,000 jobs across the state tied to the Port. In order to stay globally competitive the Port must be deepened. Going to 52' makes perfect sense from environmental, economic and feasibility (some parts of the channel currently at 50') perspectives. I appreciate the opportunity to comment and thank the Corps for their consideration and support in getting Charleston to 52' as soon as feasibly possible. Thanks, Mark, Deana and Anthony Lattanzio

From: [Abigail Struxness](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [Peter Friedmann](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on South Carolina Port Authority Harbor Deepening
Date: Friday, October 17, 2014 10:07:53 AM
Attachments: [SC Ports Endorsement Messersmith.pdf](#)

Hello,

Please find attached comments from the Agriculture Transportation Coalition endorsing the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

Best,

Abigail Struxness

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Mr. Mark Messersmith
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403

10/17/2014

Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

I write to endorse the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

The Agriculture Transportation Coalition (AgTC) represents the interests of agriculture exporters nationwide. We have been identified by a leading transportation and logistics publication as "the principal voice of agricultural exporters in US transportation policy."

The AgTC's membership includes companies that represent virtually all agriculture products and many forest products exported from the United States. These products are grown, raised, processed, packaged and shipped from all regions of the U.S., to all markets worldwide, where they typically face competition from similar products sourced elsewhere.

Transportation constitutes a substantial component of the total landed cost of U.S. agriculture and forest products, and thus plays a critical role in determining the competitiveness of our U.S. exports in foreign markets.

Currently, much of the agriculture transportation industry is in crisis: port labor disputes, chassis unavailability, trucking hours of service, and rail congestion all hamper the movement of agriculture and forest products. A productive and well-functioning port that can accommodate post-Panamax vessels around the clock will have a huge positive impact on U.S. agriculture exporters.

I have confidence in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner.

We respectfully request that you approve this proposed harbor deepening project.

Sincerely,

Peter Friedmann
Executive Director, Agriculture Transportation Coalition

From: [Richard Conner](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: owenen@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed deepening of Charleston Harbor: letter in support of acting in reliance upon USACE report
Date: Friday, October 17, 2014 9:38:18 AM

To Whom This May Concern:

I was informed of the results of the USACE report regarding a proposed deepening of Charleston Harbor.

Having lived in Charleston for a period and South Carolina for the majority of my life, the importance of Charleston Harbor to South Carolina is difficult to overstate. I believe the proposed is essential to the harbor's continued viability as a shipping port and necessary for the economic growth of both the state and the region. Please accept this message as additional support for the proposed project.

Respectfully submitted

Richard E. Conner, Jr.

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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Friday, October 17, 2014 9:05:49 AM
Attachments: [USACE.docx](#)

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Mr. Mark Messersmith
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
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Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

I write to endorse the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

This project is absolutely essential to South Carolina's economic future, and the Governor, General Assembly, business groups and other stakeholders have demonstrated statewide support for harbor deepening.

This support resulted in concrete action when the General Assembly, in a bipartisan vote, set aside the state's share of the estimated funds needed for the project—the only state to do so. This action demonstrates that our state, long known for its robust political climate, has come together in a unique and tangible way to support harbor deepening.

I have confidence in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner.

Simply put, this project must go forward for the economic well-being of our state for generations to come. Our port system is tied to one of every 11 jobs statewide. It is the key reason for our tremendous economic growth since recruiting BMW in the early 1990s. Failure to deepen the harbor to accommodate post-Panamax vessels around the clock would impact our collective statewide efforts to create more jobs and improve the quality of life for our citizens.

USACE and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project. I respectfully request that you do so.

Sincerely,

Tabathia Robinette
Allstate Exclusive Agent
314 W Carolina Ave
Hartsville, SC 29550

From: [Matthew Bennett](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for deeper channel
Date: Friday, October 17, 2014 7:21:55 AM

I write to endorse the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

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USACE and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project. I respectfully request that you do so.

Sincerely,

Matthew Bennett, MBA, CMCA, AMS

Certified Manager of Community Associations (CMCA)

Association Management Specialist (AMS)

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From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: ahalligan@johnsondevelopment.net
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Thursday, October 16, 2014 2:18:49 PM

Name: Andy Halligan

Email: ahalligan@johnsondevelopment.net <<mailto:ahalligan%40johnsondevelopment.net>>

Address: PO Box 3524, Spartanburg, SC 29304

Draft FR/EIS Comment: Mr. Mark Messersmith U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District 69A Hagood Avenue Charleston, SC 29403 Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith: On behalf of the board members and community supported by the South Carolina International Trade Conference, I write to endorse the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project. The importance of this project for the tri-county region, South Carolina entirely, and Southeast region cannot be overstated. The maritime community and those directly and indirectly employed by maritime industries, depend on the success of our state port. The mission of our organization is to support all those affiliated with maritime industries. We have done so for over 41 years. Our support, along with other organizations and individuals that support the SC maritime community, resulted in concrete action when the General Assembly, in a bipartisan vote, set aside the state's share of the estimated funds needed for the project-the only state to have done so. This action demonstrates that our state, long known for its robust political climate, came together to support harbor deepening. I have confidence in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner. No one appreciates more the protection of the waterfront environment here than those who work in it and around it daily. Simply put, this project must go forward for the economic well-being of our state for generations to come. Our port system is tied to one of every 11 jobs statewide. It is the key reason for our tremendous economic growth since recruiting BMW in the early 1990s. Failure to deepen the harbor to accommodate post-Panamax vessels around the clock would impact our collective statewide efforts to create more jobs and improve the quality of life for our citizens. USACE and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project. I respectfully request that you do so. Sincerely, Andy Halligan

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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Thursday, October 16, 2014 2:18:47 PM

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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: pmclintock@scspa.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Thursday, October 16, 2014 8:32:08 AM

Name: paul mcclintock
Email: pmclintock@scspa.com <<mailto:pmclintock%40scspa.com>>
Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: As a SC State Ports Authority employee, I urge the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to move forward with the proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project. In addition to the 500 SCPA employees like me who depend on the port for our livelihood, this project is important to 260,800 people across South Carolina whose jobs are created because of port operations. Our terminal productivity is the best in the nation, but to truly be competitive in our region we also must have the ability to serve post-Panamax ships without tidal restriction. The Governor, General Assembly and leaders across our state have shown their support for this effort. This project is not just important to Charleston. Companies in every county of South Carolina depend on our port to import materials and goods for their business and export their finished products to customers across the globe. I have confidence in the USACE Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner. USACE and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project. I respectfully request that you do so. Sincerely, Paul Mcclintock svp

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 9:56:10 PM

Name: Crayton Walters

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I am very impressed with the amount of work that went into this study. I fully support the deepening of Charleston Harbor to 52 feet. This deepening project will have economic impacts throughout the state of SC and southeast. It will also have a positive impact environmentally as there will be bigger more economical ships and less ships in the port. i support this project. thank you

From: [Simone Thornton](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [Dhand, Erin](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] A Letter to USACE
Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 4:55:48 PM
Attachments: [USACE Letter.pdf](#)

Thank you.

Simone Thornton

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October 15, 2014

Mr. Mark Messersmith
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

The Berkeley Chamber of Commerce endorses the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

The deepening project is critical to South Carolina's economic future, and our Governor. The General Assembly, the businesses, and other business entities from across our state rely on our port.

This support resulted in concrete action when the General Assembly, in a bipartisan vote, set aside the state's share of the estimated funds needed for the project—the only state to do so. This action demonstrates that our state, long known for its robust political climate, has come together in a unique and tangible way to support harbor deepening.

I have confidence in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner.

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USACE and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project. The Board of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce, respectfully request that you endorse and support this initiative.

Sincerely,

Elaine M. Morgan

Elaine M. Morgan
CEO

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 3:15:57 PM

Name: Alan Kent Brown

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: As a SC State Ports Authority employee, I urge the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to move forward with the proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project. In addition to the 500 SCPA employees like me who depend on the port for our livelihood, this project is important to 260,800 people across South Carolina whose jobs are created because of port operations. Our terminal productivity is the best in the nation, but to truly be competitive in our region we also must have the ability to serve post-Panamax ships without tidal restriction. The Governor, General Assembly and leaders across our state have shown their support for this effort. This project is not just important to Charleston. Companies in every county of South Carolina depend on our port to import materials and goods for their business and export their finished products to customers across the globe. I have confidence in the USACE Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner. USACE and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project. I respectfully request that you do so.

From: [Farahat & Co](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Offer for collaboration from Farahat & Co
Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 2:57:39 PM

Hi,

On behalf of Farahat & Co. LEA, I would like to introduce our company, a renowned and reputed organization in the UAE and in the Middle East. Farahat & Co. LEA embodies a long-standing reputation in Dubai since 1985 and is uniquely positioned as a fully licensed accountancy and business consultancy firm in the UAE. Our 30 years of professional services distinguish us in our expertise of providing services for over 1000 companies in the UAE.

Our clients have entrusted us over the years in cultivating long-term successful relationships. Our success grew out of three decades of commitment and discipline in creating a long term value and sustained support for our clients. Our clients come from Norway, Netherlands, Germany, Italy, UK, Australia, USA, Turkey, China, and Singapore with high value interests.

As a collaborator and an active participant in the business community, we at Farahat & Co. LEA are reaching out to your company about a cooperative joint effort in offering our services.

Our Services:

Business Setup in Dubai

Trademark Registration

Payroll & HR services

Auditing, Accounting & Book keeping Services

Fraud Examination

Risk Management

PRO Services

We are confident that Farahat & Co. LEA could provide a unique joint collaboration to support to your business solutions and enhance your value added services. With this in mind, please let us know if we could further discuss common interests. We are very open to hear from you and looking forward to your reply.

Our Websites:

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From: [Brett Hubler](#)
To: [Messersmith, Mark J SAC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] From Chip Campsen--Support for Charleston Harbor Deepening
Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 1:17:21 PM
Attachments: [Campsen Letter To Corps Re Port 52 Feet.pdf](#)

Mr. Messersmith:

Please find attached a letter that Senator Campsen asked me to send you. The letter expresses support for the deepening of Charleston Harbor.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Brett Hubler

SenateSeal.jpg

Brett A. Hubler, Esq.

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October 15, 2014

Mr. Mark Messersmith
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, South Carolina 29403

RE: Support for Charleston Harbor Post 45 Project

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

I write to endorse the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed deepening of the Charleston Harbor to 52 feet.

The Harbor deepening project is essential to maintaining and improving South Carolina's quality of life. Our port system is tied to one out of every eleven jobs statewide, and the system is a key reason South Carolina has enjoyed tremendous economic growth since recruiting BMW to the Upstate. Failure to deepen the harbor to accommodate post-Panamax vessels around the clock would detrimentally impact statewide efforts to create jobs. And it would ignore the Corps' finding that the deepening project could be accomplished in an environmentally responsible manner.

Moreover, the deepening project has statewide, bipartisan backing. With the coordination of our Governor and General Assembly, in 2013 South Carolina became the first state to set aside its share of the estimated funds needed for the project. Businesses and voters commended this demonstration of support.

Consequently, I respectfully request the Corps approve the deepening project, including the alignment of the Selected Plan with the Locally Preferred Plan, which will allow the project's costs to be fully shared between the federal government and the non-federal sponsor.

With deep respect and admiration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chip Campsen".

Chip Campsen
Chairman, Senate Fish Game and Forestry Committee

cc: Governor Nikki Haley
Jim Newsom, President & CEO, South Carolina Ports Authority
Board Members of the South Carolina Ports Authority
Barbara Melvin, Senior Vice President, External Affairs, South Carolina Ports Authority
Bryan Derreberry, President & CEO, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce
Mary Graham, Senior Vice President, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce

From: [Lisa LaRue-Baker - UKB THPO](#)
To: [Messersmith, Mark J SAC](#)
Cc: [verna; eberry@unitedkeetoowahband.org](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] EIS, Charleston Harbor, Post 45 Project, Charleston, SC
Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 11:51:17 AM

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma has reviewed your letter of October 7 regarding the captioned project. The UKB defers to other Federally recognized tribes with more of a historic interest in the area.

Thank you for contacting us,

Lisa C. Baker
Acting THPO
United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma
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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 9:17:08 AM

Name: Chief H. Bryan Todd

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: This project should be a no-brainer for our state and the workers everybody wins with this project.

From: noreply@dma.mil
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 9:01:02 AM

Name: Melinda Williams

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The port is tied to one of every eleven jobs in the state. Your support of the Harbor Post-45 Project is greatly appreciated! Thank you! Mac Forehand
2015 SC International Trade Conference General Chairman

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Name: Joshua B. Jones

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 3:52:33 PM

Name: R. Michael "Mike" Sisk

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith: I am writing to fully and completely endorse the US Army Corps of Engineers and the South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project. This project is essential to South Carolina's economic future. The Governor, General Assembly, business community and other stakeholders have demonstrated enthusiastic statewide support for this harbor deepening project. The entire state is unified in its belief that this project will allow South Carolina to realize its full economic potential. This support resulted in concrete action when the General Assembly, in a bipartisan vote, set aside the state's share of the estimated funds needed for the project—the only state to do so. This action demonstrates that our state, long known for its robust political climate, has come together in a unique and tangible way to support harbor deepening. I have confidence in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner. This project must go forward for the economic well-being of our state for generations to come. Our port system is tied to one of every 11 jobs statewide, and it is the key reason for our tremendous economic growth since recruiting BMW to the state in the early 1990s. Failure to deepen the harbor to accommodate post-Panamax vessels around the clock would impact our collective statewide efforts to create more jobs and to improve the quality of life for our citizens as well as those citizens in other states within the reach of the South Carolina ports facilities. USACE and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the full support of the state of South Carolina and its citizens to approve this project. I respectfully request that you do so as well. Thank you. Sincerely, R. Michael Sisk

From: [McNair, Ted](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Charleston - 52" deepening project
Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 10:52:33 AM

October 14, 2014

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District

69A Hagood Avenue

Charleston, SC 29403

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Sincerely,

Ted McNair

Sales & Marketing Rep., breakbulk & project cargo

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Port of Charleston ~ 52-foot harbor deepening project
Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 10:35:32 AM

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Sincerely,

Best Regards,

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Charleston Harbour Deepening to 52 feet
Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 5:25:15 AM

Dear Sir,

Nensey Logistics India Pvt Ltd is the logistics arm of a large exporting and trading house in Mumbai India.

We ship on behalf of our customers approximately 700 x 20 per annum of agricultural products to the US East coast, of this, a substantial number of containers to Charleston SC.

Our customers are pleased with the services of the port of Charleston.

In view of larger ships expected to be deployed in the next few years via the Suez and the Pannama canal, it is important that the Port of Charleston is equipped in time to accommodate these vessels so that the port maintains its importance as it is now, and meets future requirements.

Deepening the channel to the terminals up river is of paramount importance to accommodate large vessels and increased volumes.

We as cargo supporters of the port, look forward to this project making good progress as it is well deserved.

Thanks

Anthony Lobo

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Email: tmiralia@distributiontechnology.com <<mailto:tmiralia%40distributiontechnology.com>>

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From: [Ann Marconi](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Deepen the Port of Charleston
Date: Monday, October 13, 2014 2:34:04 PM
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Ann Marconi
Broker Associate

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
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Email: [REDACTED]

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: I represent the Castle Pinckney Historic Preservation Society. Our group a South Carolina LLC owns Castle Pinckney, a historic site, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. We fully support deepening the project and want to help see the project completed as quickly as possible. Our property is located adjacent to the channel and could be affected by larger ships using the harbor. We have been battling erosion and land subsidence problems for many years. The CPHPS is delighted that the EIS calls for depositing new work material excavated from the deeper channel on and adjacent to our property. This will significantly aid in our erosion fight as well as provide nesting habitat for the Brown Pelican and other birds that utilize the area. We feel this will benefit the port interests as well by providing a close in location where this material can be deposited saving in transportation and site development costs. Thanks you for considering our needs.

From: noreply@dma.mil
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Cc: bratton.riley@maybankindustries.com
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Date: Monday, October 13, 2014 11:57:38 AM

Name: Bratton Riley

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Address: 525 East Bay Street, Suite 201, Charleston, SC 29403

Draft FR/EIS Comment: Mr. Mark Messersmith U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District 69A Hagood Avenue Charleston, SC 29403 Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith: I appreciate this opportunity to enthusiastically support the US Army Corps' and the South Carolina State Ports Authority's proposed 52 foot harbor depth project. I am grateful to all who have worked so hard on this project thus far as well as going forward. This Harbor Deepening Project is so fundamentally important for future generations of South Carolinians and the economic opportunities that will occur as a result of this project. Everyone that I interact with is in support of this project. South Carolina is behind this project and supportive of the Corps and DHEC in executing this. This support is demonstrated by the money that has already been set aside by the General Assembly for this project. Thank you again for this opportunity to support this project. Sincerely, Bratton Riley Maybank Industries, LLC

From: [Chittick, Gavin](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Approval for Harbor Deeping
Date: Monday, October 13, 2014 10:43:41 AM
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Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Gavin

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James P. Phillips", written over a horizontal line.

From: [Coker, Gene](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 52-foot harbor deepening project
Date: Monday, October 13, 2014 8:15:59 AM

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Safety technician

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Regards,

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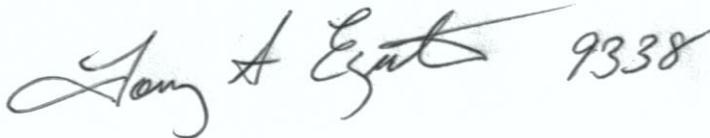
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 Tony A. Egan 9338

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Sunday, October 12, 2014 7:16:08 PM

Name: Daniel D. & Holly B. Drake

Email: [REDACTED]

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: We would like to express our strong support for deepening Charleston Harbor to 52 feet. The across-the-board political support for this project combined with the data provided by the Corp of Engineers and SC DHEC make it clear that the economic benefits far outweigh any concerns about the project. Thank you.

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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Sunday, October 12, 2014 6:13:56 PM

Name: Marian Michael

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I wholly support the deepening of the Charleston Harbor to 52" to accommodate the larger ships that can carry more cargo into and out of our "close to the sea" Charleston Port. It only makes sense to not fall behind this larger ship trend as our SC economy so depends on our Port of Charleston for good both delivered to and shipped out of this strategically located eastern shore port.

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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Sunday, October 12, 2014 12:51:44 PM

Name: ray smith

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: Spend the money and do it and don't look back. We need to complete this port expansion for the state and its future.

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: .Mr. Mark Messersmith U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District 69A Hagood Avenue Charleston, SC 29403 Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith: On behalf of the board members and community supported by the South Carolina International Trade Conference, I write to endorse the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project. The importance of this project for the tri-county region, South Carolina entirely, and Southeast region cannot be overstated. The maritime community and those directly and indirectly employed by maritime industries, depend on the success of our state port. The mission of our organization is to support all those affiliated with maritime industries. We have done so for over 41 years. Our support, along with other organizations and individuals that support the SC maritime community, resulted in concrete action when the General Assembly, in a bipartisan vote, set aside the state's share of the estimated funds needed for the project-the only state to have done so. This action demonstrates that our state, long known for its robust political climate, came together to support harbor deepening. I have confidence in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner. No one appreciates more the protection of the waterfront environment here than those who work in it and around it daily. Simply put, this project must go forward for the economic well-being of our state for generations to come. Our port system is tied to one of every 11 jobs statewide. It is the key reason for our tremendous economic growth since recruiting BMW in the early 1990s. Failure to deepen the harbor to accommodate post-Panamax vessels around the clock would impact our collective statewide efforts to create more jobs and improve the quality of life for our citizens. USACE and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project. I respectfully request that you do so. Sincerely Jan E Kendrick

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Sunday, October 12, 2014 6:33:53 AM

Name: Moylan DuVal Nettles

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I am all for deepening the port in Charleston. I think that this is imperative to our states economy.

From: [Softy, Teresa](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Harbor Deepening
Date: Friday, October 10, 2014 3:22:15 PM
Attachments: [DOC.PDF](#)

Good Afternoon Mr. Messersmith,

I've worked at the SC Ports Authority for 10 years and on the waterfront for 27 years. I definitely depend on the port for my livelihood and support the proposed deepening project. I hope you will support it as well.

Best regards,

Teresa

Teresa Softy

Manager, Treasury Operations

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Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

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In addition to the 500 SCPA employees like me who depend on the port for our livelihood, this project is important to 260,800 people across South Carolina whose jobs are created because of port operations.

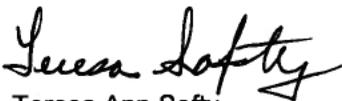
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Sincerely,



Teresa Ann Softy
SC Ports Authority
Manager, Treasury Operations

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Friday, October 10, 2014 2:05:47 PM

Name: Gerald Katz

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I support the report for dredging the Charleston Harbor to 52 feet. The project will have a positive economic contribution to SC and the nation. It appears to be cost effective based on Corps model.

From: [Tom Demuth](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: owenen@dheck.sc.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Harbor Deepening support
Date: Friday, October 10, 2014 2:00:55 PM

Mark, Erin,

I own a niche 3rd party logistics business headquartered in North Charleston. Locally we employ 8 people with an annual payroll over \$500,000. Deepening the harbor increases port volume. More port volume directly helps our small business. Please deepen the harbor. We are strong supporters of this endeavor.

Tom DeMuth

President, IDEA, LLC

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From: [Holstein, Brian](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: ["owenen@dhec.sc.gov"](mailto:owenen@dhec.sc.gov)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 52-foot harbor deepening project
Date: Friday, October 10, 2014 11:27:00 AM

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District

69A Hagood Avenue

Charleston, SC 29403

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Sincerely,

Brian Holstein

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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: alan.bolduc@avisonyoung.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Friday, October 10, 2014 11:18:27 AM

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: On behalf of the board members and community supported by the South Carolina International Trade Conference, The Propeller Club of Charleston and local industrial real estate professionals, I write to endorse the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project. The importance of this project for the tri-county region, South Carolina entirely, and Southeast region cannot be overstated. The maritime community and those directly and indirectly employed by maritime industries, depend on the success of our state port. The mission of our organization is to support all those affiliated with maritime industries. We have done so for over 41 years. Our support, along with other organizations and individuals that support the SC maritime community, resulted in concrete action when the General Assembly, in a bipartisan vote, set aside the state's share of the estimated funds needed for the project-the only state to have done so. This action demonstrates that our state, long known for its robust political climate, came together to support harbor deepening. I have confidence in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner. No one appreciates more the protection of the waterfront environment here than those who work in it and around it daily. Simply put, this project must go forward for the economic well-being of our state for generations to come. Our port system is tied to one of every 11 jobs statewide. It is the key reason for our tremendous economic growth since recruiting BMW in the early 1990s. Failure to deepen the harbor to accommodate post-Panamax vessels around the clock would impact our collective statewide efforts to create more jobs and improve the quality of life for our citizens. USACE and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project. I respectfully request that you do so. Sincerely, Alan A Bolduc CCIM, SIOR Sr VP Industrial and Investment Services Avison Young

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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment
Date: Friday, October 10, 2014 11:09:51 AM

Name: buddy myers

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: Please continue to deepen the Charleston Harbor. We need to be the leader on the east coast and be able to handle any size ship which can boost the economy for the state. My company handles containers from the ports and many jobs are filled because we have a great port. I would hate to see all of the ships move to Savannah because we cant handle the larger ships. With all improvements there is going to be some type of impact but I feel that the economic value is far greater than any environmental impact of the wildlife. So please make the port deeper and wider so that we can be the best port along the eastern seaboard. Thanks Buddy Myers

From: [Ford, Carol](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please see attached
Date: Friday, October 10, 2014 9:54:56 AM
Attachments: [USACE - Mr Mark Messersmith.pdf](#)

To Whom It May Concern:

I've spent over 36 years working in the "shipping industry". I not only support the project but I also appreciate all the time and effort put into the research to develop the Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement.

Regards,

Carol

Carol M. Ford

Engineering Admin Assistant

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Mr. Mark Messersmith
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Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

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Sincerely,

Carol M. Ford
Engineering Admin Assistant

From: [Hemby, Tracy](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Deepening Harbor to 52 feet
Date: Friday, October 10, 2014 7:52:03 AM
Attachments: [DOC022.PDF](#)

Regards,

Tracy

Tracy D. Hemby

Terminal clerk

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy D. Hemby". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

From: [Maurer, Doug](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Port of Charleston
Date: Thursday, October 09, 2014 4:39:49 PM
Attachments: [HarborDeepening.docx](#)

Please see attached letter.

Thank you.

Regards,

Doug

Douglas L. Maurer

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October 9, 2014

Mr. Mark Messersmith
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

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Sincerely,

Douglas L. Maurer

From: [Kelly, Kevin P.](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Deepening our Charleston harbor to 52 feet
Date: Thursday, October 09, 2014 1:35:10 PM
Attachments: [Letter usace.pdf](#)

Mr. Messersmith

I have been a resident of S.C. for 30 years and would like to provide my support for the deepening project in the Charleston harbor. Attached is my letter requesting your departments support.

Thank You

Kevin

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Mr. Mark Messersmith
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

As part of the SC State Ports Authority team, I urge the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to move forward with the proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

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Sincerely,



Kevin P. Kelly
Berkeley County, S.C.

From: charlotte.ross@oocl.com
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CHS SC HARBOR DEEPENING PROJECT
Date: Thursday, October 09, 2014 10:32:51 AM

Mr. Mark Messersmith
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

I would like to endorse the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

This project is essential to South Carolina's economic future, and the Governor, General Assembly, business groups and other stakeholders have demonstrated statewide support for harbor deepening.

This support resulted in concrete action when the General Assembly, in a bipartisan vote, set aside the state's share of the estimated funds needed for the project—the only state to do so. This action demonstrates that our state, long known for its robust political climate, has come together in a unique and tangible way to support harbor deepening.

I have confidence in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner.

Simply put, this project must go forward for the economic well-being of our state for generations to come. Our port system is tied to one of every 11 jobs statewide. It is the key reason for our tremendous economic growth. Failure to deepen the harbor to accommodate post-Panamax vessels around the clock will impact our collective statewide efforts to create more jobs and improve the quality of life for our citizens.

USACE and the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project. I respectfully request that you do so.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Ross

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From: [Kitchell, Mildred](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public support
Date: Thursday, October 09, 2014 8:48:51 AM

Please note that my husband and I consider the project to be very important and would to express our support that this project be moved forward. Thanks you, Mildred and Thorne C. Kitchell

Mildred D. Kitchell, CPWA

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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Charleston Harbor Post 45 Comments
Date: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 4:41:05 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Charleston Harbor Deepening - Corps Letter.pdf](#)

To Whom it May Concern,

Attached is a letter from Home Builders Association of South Carolina Executive Director Mark Nix supporting the Charleston Harbor deepening project. If you should have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you

Matt Niehaus

Director of Government Affairs

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One Vision...One Voice

October 8, 2014

Mr. Mark Messersmith
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

I write to you on behalf of the Home Builders Association of South Carolina to endorse the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

This project is absolutely essential to South Carolina's economic future, as well as the housing industry in our state. The Governor, General Assembly, business groups and other stakeholders have demonstrated statewide support for harbor deepening.

This support resulted in concrete action when the General Assembly, in a bipartisan vote, set aside the state's share of the estimated funds needed for the project—the only state to do so. This action demonstrates that our state, long known for its robust political climate, has come together in a unique and tangible way to support harbor deepening.

I have confidence in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner.

Simply put, this project must go forward for the economic well-being of our state for generations to come. Our port system is tied to one of every 11 jobs statewide. It is the key reason for our tremendous economic growth since recruiting BMW in the early 1990s. Failure to deepen the harbor to accommodate post-Panamax vessels around the clock would impact our collective statewide efforts to create more jobs and improve the quality of life for our citizens.

USACE and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project. I respectfully request that you do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Nix". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mark Nix
Executive Officer
Home Builders Association of South Carolina

From: [Denning, Jim](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments re: Charleston Harbor Post-45 Deepening Project
Date: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 4:25:30 PM

October 8, 2014

VIA EMAIL ONLY chas-post45-comments@usace.army.mil

Mr. Mark Messersmith

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District

69A Hagood Avenue

Charleston, SC 29403

Re: Charleston Harbor Post-45 Project

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

I write to endorse the 52-foot harbor deepening project proposed by the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority.

This project is absolutely essential to South Carolina's economic future, as demonstrated by statewide support expressed for the harbor deepening by the Governor, General Assembly, business groups and other stakeholders.

This support resulted in concrete action when the General Assembly, in a bipartisan vote, set aside the state's share of the estimated funds needed for the project—I am certain that you recognize that South Carolina is the only state to take such action to date.

This action demonstrates that our state, long known for its robust political climate, has come together in a unique and tangible way to support harbor deepening.

I understand that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, indicates that the harbor deepening project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner. Accordingly, this project must go forward for the economic well-being of the people of South Carolina, now and for generations to come. Our port system is tied to one of every 11 jobs statewide. It is the key reason for our tremendous economic growth since recruiting BMW in the early 1990s. Failure to deepen the harbor to accommodate post-Panamax vessels around the clock would impact our collective statewide efforts to create more jobs and improve the quality of life for our citizens. USACE and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project. I respectfully and urgently request that you do so.

Sincerely,

Jim Denning

Jim Denning Jr.

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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 52-foot Harbor Deepening Project.Endorsement
Date: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 4:08:59 PM

Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

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From: [CWIT OWIT Rep](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: edhand@scspa.com; board@cwitsc.org
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 52-foot Harbor Deepening Project.Endorsement
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Regards,

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From: [Coleman Thompson](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Charleston Harbor Deepening
Date: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 2:58:43 PM
Attachments: [Letter to the USACE supporting Harbor deepening 10-8-14.docx](#)

Respectfully,

Coleman Thompson

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October 8, 2014

Mr. Mark Messersmith
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
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Respectfully,

G. Coleman Thompson
Vice President

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From: [Lori Damron](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Harbor Deepening
Date: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 2:55:24 PM

Mr. Mark Messersmith

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District

69A Hagood Avenue Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Sir,

This week, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) released a Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the Charleston Harbor Post-45 Project. The report recommends the harbor be deepened to 52 feet, which is essential for our state's economic future. There is a 45-day window for public comments through November 24, 2014.

It is critical that USACE and SC Department of Environmental Control (DHEC) hear from the state's business and political leadership in the form of a letter during this comment period, and the South Carolina Ports Authority is seeking your help.

The importance of this project for the tri-county region, South Carolina entirely, and Southeast region cannot be overstated. The maritime community and those directly and indirectly employed by maritime industries, depend on the success of our state port.

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Your support of this important project is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lori Damron

Account Executive

Lightning Transportation, Inc.

From: [Lisa Blanton Safford](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Harbor Deepening Support 2014 Template letter
Date: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 2:35:23 PM
Attachments: [Harbor Deepening Support 2014 Template letter.doc](#)

Please help us make the Harbor Project a success. Our community and state need this project completed.

Regards,

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Sincerely,

Lisa Safford

From: [Sally Davis - ISHPI](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of Harbor Deepening
Date: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 2:26:28 PM
Attachments: [SCITConference Support - Sally Davis.docx](#)

Dear Mr. Messersmith,

Please find my letter of support attached. I appreciate all of the work you and your office does to support the Charleston Harbor!

Thank you!

Sally A. Davis - ISHPI

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S.C. International Trade Conference

Mr. Mark Messersmith
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
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Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

On behalf of the board members and community supported by the South Carolina International Trade Conference, I write to endorse the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

The importance of this project for the tri-county region, South Carolina entirely, and Southeast region cannot be overstated. The maritime community and those directly and indirectly employed by maritime industries, depend on the success of our state port. The mission of our organization is to support all those affiliated with maritime industries. We have done so for over 41 years.

Our support, along with other organizations and individuals that support the SC maritime community, resulted in concrete action when the General Assembly, in a bipartisan vote, set aside the state's share of the estimated funds needed for the project—the only state to have done so. This action demonstrates that our state, long known for its robust political climate, came together to support harbor deepening.

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Sincerely,

Sally Davis
Marketing and Shipper Recruiting Chair
South Carolina International Trade Conference
P.O. Box 1446
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From: [Jill McDowell](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for CHS harbor deepening
Date: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 2:19:56 PM

Dear Mr. Messersmith,

I am writing in support of the US Army Corp of Engineers and the South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52 feet harbor deepening project.

Regards,

Jill McDowell

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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Harbor deepening.docx
Date: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 2:19:20 PM
Attachments: [Harbor deepening.docx](#)

S.C State Port Employee and member of the ILA (Husband) in favor of the harbor deepening – letter attached.

Sincerely,

Mark and Noreen Milligan

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Mr. Mark Messersmith
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Charleston, SC 29403

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Sincerely,

Noreen K. Milligan

From: [Marshstein, Nina](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Harbor Deepening Project
Date: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 2:12:51 PM

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Carolina to approve this project. I respectfully request that you do so.

Sincerely,

Nina G. Marshtein, PG

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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 52-foot harbor deepening project
Date: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 12:37:54 PM

Mr. Mark Messersmith

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Regards,

Misty

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Manager, Compensation and Benefits

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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Deepening The Harbor
Date: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 12:09:16 PM
Attachments: [Deepening The Harbor.docx](#)

Mr. Messersmith,

Attached is a letter for my intrest in deepening the harbor in Charleston, SC

Thanks in advance for your time and consideration in the matter

Tanika M. Smith

Mr. Mark Messersmith
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
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Sincerely,

Tanika M. Smith

From: [Melvin, Barbara](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Cc: owenen@dhec.sc.gov; [Dhand, Erin](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment in support of the Draft Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement (Report)
Date: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 10:59:28 AM

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

As an employee of the South Carolina Ports Authority, I firmly believe that modern containerships requiring 48-Ft. of draft with appropriate under keel clearance will be the dominant service vessel calling our facilities within the next 5 years. The ability to handle these vessels without tidal restriction will be paramount for our port that serves the fastest growing region in the country that also is seeing a resurgence of manufacturing and continued agricultural success.

For this reason, I wholeheartedly support the Report issued by the Corps on Charleston Harbor Deepening and encourage you as the federal sponsor to undertake the full cost share allowed by law at the 52-ft. alternative.

U.S. container trade is expected to be export dominant again by 2020 and export containers are on average, 3 tons heavier than import TEUs. The Southeast is the largest exporting region and the Charleston Harbor offers the best value for deepening both economically and environmentally.

Trading partners who call in Charleston's Harbor have all recognized the importance of facilitating the movement of the Generation 2 and Generation 3 containerships and 12 of the 25 foreign ports currently have a depth greater than 50-Ft. Combined, these 25 ports handle over 70% of Charleston's loaded export trade.

This project will result in tremendous benefits for the nation, region and our state. Please continue to act as quickly as possible to complete the Report, including necessary State approvals, so design followed by construction will be accomplished before the end of the decade.

Regards,

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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Charelston harbor Deepening Project
Date: Tuesday, October 07, 2014 12:14:02 PM
Attachments: [SCSPA letter to Army Corps.docx](#)

Please see attached letter of support.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

Tim Ward

From: [Carroll-Ramsey, Suzan](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#); owenen@dhec.sc.gov
Cc: [Dhand, Erin](#); [Bull, Marion](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support for Harbor Deepening
Date: Tuesday, October 07, 2014 11:50:31 AM
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Please see the attached letter expressing my support for the Port of Charleston 52 feet harbor deepening project.

Regards,

Suzan

Suzan E. Carroll-Ramsey

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X Suzan Carroll-Ramsey

Suzan Carroll-Ramsey
Foreign-Trade Zone/Inside Sales Manager
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Cc: Erin Owen, SCDHEC (VIA E:MAIL ONLY- owenen@dhec.sc.gov)
Erin Dhand, SCPA (VIA E:MAIL ONLY- edhand@scspa.com)

From: [Craft, Kevin](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 project- Harbor Deepening
Date: Tuesday, October 07, 2014 10:39:46 AM

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Sincerely,

Kevin E. Craft

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From: [Fletcher, April](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 52" in Charleston
Date: Tuesday, October 07, 2014 10:35:04 AM

Mr. Messersmith:

As a SC State Ports Authority employee, I urge the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to move forward with the proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

In addition to the 500 SCPA employees like me who depend on the port for our livelihood, this project is important to 260,800 people across South Carolina whose jobs are created because of port operations.

Our terminal productivity is the best in the nation, but to truly be competitive in our region we also must have the ability to serve post-Panamax ships without tidal restriction.

The Governor, General Assembly and leaders across our state have shown their support for this effort. This project is not just important to Charleston. Companies in every county of South Carolina depend on our port to import materials and goods for their business and export their finished products to customers across the globe.

I have confidence in the USACE Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement, which finds the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner.

USACE and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project. I respectfully request that you do so.

Regards,

April

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From: [Miller, Byron](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments; "owenen@dhec.sc.gov"](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support
Date: Tuesday, October 07, 2014 9:56:09 AM

Good morning,

I encourage the Corps and DHEC to move forward expeditiously with the proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project in the Port of Charleston.

With over 20+ years working at the South Carolina Ports Authority, I have seen firsthand the dramatically increasing size of vessels. There is no more important project to our port's future competitiveness --- and to the livelihood of thousands of South Carolinians whose jobs depend on port operations --- than this deepening.

Our state's elected leadership has shown their support for the project, which is important to shippers both in our state and beyond. Manufacturers, agricultural interests and other exporters from across our region will benefit from a Southeastern harbor capable of handling fully-loaded post-Panamax vessels.

Importantly, this project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner, as detailed in the USACE Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement.

The Corps and DHEC have the support of South Carolina to approve this project, so your consideration and timely approval is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Byron

Byron D. Miller

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From: [Kight, Dennis](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Harbour Deepening
Date: Tuesday, October 07, 2014 9:51:25 AM

Mr. Mark Messersmith

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District

69A Hagood Avenue

Charleston, SC 29403

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Sincerely,

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From: [Sara Parrish](#)
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Harbor deepening support comment
Date: Tuesday, October 07, 2014 9:43:21 AM

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