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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:

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,

**Gerald J Bresnihan**  
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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.

Our company, A&R Bulk-Pak, is engaged in international shipping and logistics. 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 they can move at a draft of 48 feet without tidal restrictions. A channel depth of 52 feet is essential to accomplish this goal.

This deepening project is absolutely necessary for South Carolina's economic future, as well as the future of U.S. distribution and manufacturing. While it is essential for ocean carriers needing to call on modern ports capable of handling larger ships with deeper drafts, it is also important to our company. In fact, it is Charleston's 52-foot dock draft which is a compelling reason A&R Bulk-Pak is looking to expand our operations there in the next 12-16 months.

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 grant your approval as well.

Sincerely,

Jason Blinkoff

Executive Vice President

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November 5, 2014

Mr. Mark Messersmith  
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Dear Mr. 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 for our business and to South Carolina's economic future. 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. It is my opinion that Charleston is the best location to conduct a deepening project in the southeastern United States from both an economic and environmental perspective.

Simply put, this Project must go forward for the well-being of our state for generations to come. Our port system is tied to one of every 11 jobs statewide. 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,

James H. Hill  
Vice President  
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**From:** [Scott Banks](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Charleston Harbor Deepening  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 05, 2014 3:11:28 PM  
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Comments included on the Charleston Harbor deepening project.

Regards

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November 5, 2014

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

Dear Mr. 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 but in addition I believe can positively impact the greater region. My company, based in North Carolina, on a weekly bass bypasses the Charleston harbor and trucks goods to Florida to be shipped to Central America. This additional land transfer serves to increase product cost, increase highway traffic and could even be contributing to additional pollution.

We need a better option and one that is closer to home. It is my understanding that deepening the Charleston harbor to 52 feet can be accomplished in both an economically and environmentally responsible manner. This improvement could allow us to ship directly from Charleston and also allow goods entering from Asia to port here as well.

Simply put, the harbor improvement project will have regional impact and should move forward. Companies in the North Carolina and South Carolina corridor understand that the efficient management of our shipping can make the difference in growing our companies. If we grow, jobs are created so I request that you approve and move forward with this project.

Regards,

E. Scott Banks  
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Mark, I'm glad to see the Army Corps of Engineers is continuing to move forward with plans to deepen our Charleston harbor. The value of this project has a huge effect on our state effecting many South Carolinian, and companies here like ours. I appreciate your work in helping our port to get this much needed upgrade. I look forward to hearing more updates of progress moving forward. I would ask that you stay focused on helping our state reach this objective as it will have a big effect on generations to come not only in South Carolina but I feel neighboring states will also so reap benefit from this project. Have a great day, and thanks again.

Scott Cromer

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On behalf of our business unit Daimler Vans Manufacturing, please accept these comments in support of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers project to deepen the Charleston Harbor.

As a customer of the Port of Charleston, Daimler Vans Manufacturing fully supports deepening the Charleston Harbor. Daimler Vans strongly urges the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to move forward on its Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the Charleston Harbor deepening project, also called Post 45.

For over a decade Daimler Vans has manufactured Sprinter vehicles in South Carolina, most recently under the Mercedes-Benz and Freightliner brands. Daimler Vans is located in Ladson, South Carolina. The U.S. is now the Sprinter's second-largest sales market after Germany. About 23,000 Sprinter vans were delivered to U.S. customers in 2013. Given the growth of Sprinter sales, additional investment and jobs at the Ladson facility is reasonably expected. The success of Sprinter has also brought new investment to the North Charleston area from businesses that upfit vans into customized commercial vehicles. Daimler Vans uses the Port of Charleston for delivery of Sprinter parts for re-assembly as well as Sprinter vans exported from Germany.

Deepening Charleston harbor -52 will provide new, better transportation logistics options to East Coast-based companies, particularly those based in South Carolina like Daimler Vans. A deeper harbor means global companies will look to the Port of Charleston to lower their logistics costs and move goods more efficiently. Bigger ships means more containers per vessel and more competition—key drivers for stable, lower container rates. A -52 harbor will ensure the Port of Charleston's long-term viability as a prime destination for all vessel-lines. There can be little doubt this project will make South Carolina a more attractive place to invest for companies, from large multinational corporations to small, local retail businesses.

Daimler Vans strongly urges the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to move forward and implement Post 45.

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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,

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Thank you,  
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R. Scott Woods, CPA  
President / CEO

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

Nov. 1, 2014

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

I am contacting you in strong support of the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

As President and CEO of South Carolina Federal Credit Union, founded as Charleston Naval Shipyard Credit Union, I have a keen understanding and appreciation for the role of our ports to the local economy and state growth.

At present, Charleston's ports contribute more than \$44 billion in annual economic impact to our state. The proposed deepening, combined with our local investment into the industry, will help to ensure that our ports are positioned to accommodate the post-Panamax ships and compete globally well into the future.

As a lifelong James Island resident, I appreciate the impact of the ports on our people. One of every 11 jobs statewide is tied to the port system, making them key to our economic growth. They are also a piece of South Carolina's unique landscape and offer both a paycheck and passion for many South Carolina families.

Sustainability of our environmental resources is also vital to our region's long-term success. I have confidence in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environment Impact Statement. Both findings determine the project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner.

I would like to join the Governor, General Assembly, business groups and other stakeholders in demonstrating support for harbor deepening. I appreciate your consideration and swiftness in approving this project and making it a reality.

Sincerely,

R. Scott Woods, CPA, CIA, MBA  
President & CEO  
South Carolina Federal Credit Union

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Thank you!

Don H. Brown, Jr.

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November 6, 2014

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.

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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don H. Brown, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Don H. Brown, Jr  
President

**From:** [Warren, Carl](#)  
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Mark:

Please see attached letter of support from CSX Transportation for the harbor deepening project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Carl Warren

Director Ports & Industrial Development

CSX Transportation

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November 4, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

I write to endorse the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project. CSX is a Fortune 250 company operating more than 21,000 route miles in the United States and Canada. In South Carolina, we operate and maintain more than 1,800 miles of track and employ 1,000 people. The Port of Charleston is an important resource for our customers, providing global connectivity which supports manufacturing, exporting, investment and job creation.

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.

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.

South Carolina's port system is tied to one of every 11 jobs statewide. Failure to deepen the harbor to accommodate post-Panamax vessels around the clock would undermine the State's role as a key link in the global supply chain and impact local efforts to create more jobs and improve the quality of life for South Carolina's 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, appearing to read "Carl Warren", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Carl Warren  
Director Ports & Industrial Development

**From:** [Paul Welborn](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
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Mr. Messersmith,

Streit USA Armoring supports the Charleston Harbor Deeping project. We are confident that this project can be accomplished in an environmentally responsible manner.

The Charleston Region depends on this project to remain viable in our growth and ability to attract new industry.

Please support this project.

Sincerely,

Paul

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Name: Kay L Hughes

Email: [REDACTED]

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: 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. 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. 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, Kay L Hughes

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Name: James P. Petit, III

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: I am writing to express my support of the Charleston Harbor Deepening project. Being that the Port of Charleston is the main economic driver for South Carolina, this initiative is critically important to the economic well-being of our state. Please move forward with this as quickly as possible. Thank you.

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: Please accept this as a statement of support for the harbor deepening project which will increase the depth of the shipping channel in the Charleston Harbor from 45 to 52 feet. I am the President of the Upstate SC Alliance, which is the regional economic development organization for the Upstate of South Carolina. In this position, I realize the vital importance of the Port of Charleston to the future economic success of the State. Up to 65% of the port traffic comes from the Upstate each year, and industries such as BMW, Michelin, and Bosch benefit greatly from the port. Having a competitive port is key to the future economic development of South Carolina.

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Name: Crayton Walters

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: Please add my support to the deepening project for Charleston Harbor. This project is essential to the economic engine that runs this state. I support this project. Thank you

**From:** [noreply@dma.mil](mailto:noreply@dma.mil)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
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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: 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 which has depended on the port since the earliest days of our existence. 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. It seems clear to me that Charleston will be the most cost efficient and fastest option to become the port to handle the bigger ships. The harbor is already deep, and the distance away from the coast needing to be dredged is also less than our sister city to the South. 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. My office overlooks the Columbus Street Port, and I see firsthand the number of these vehicles we are exporting. 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. We all look forward to getting this completed. Thank you. Charles Cole Principal – Crescent Insurance Agency



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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [david@popowskilaw.com](mailto:david@popowskilaw.com)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 05, 2014 10:26:11 AM

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Name: David Popowski

Email: david@popowskilaw.com <<mailto:david%40popowskilaw.com>>

Address: Suite 110, 171 Church Street, Charleston, SC 29401

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I would like to express my support for the deepening of the Charleston Harbor. As I a private attorney, I have worked in the maritime industry in Charleston for 33 years. Through the cases that I have handled, I have seen first hand its value to not only the Southeast but to the nation and the world. Users of the Port know that their shipments will be processed promptly and efficiently. I urge your favorable consideration of this request.

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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [r.kokel@blankophor.com](mailto:r.kokel@blankophor.com)  
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Name: Richard Kokel

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: I am employed by a German chemical company (with US headquarters in Graham NC) that imports large quantities of our products into the port of Charleston SC for distribution to our US customers. It is vital to the continued success of our company in the USA that we maintain competitive sea freight rates to POE Charleston. This can only happen if we can ship via the new generation of container vessels which require the deeper channel to the port. Therefore, I strongly support the project to deepen the channel into the port of Charleston.

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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment  
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Name: Theodore D. Stoney, Jr.

Email: [ted@thestoneycompany.com](mailto:ted@thestoneycompany.com) <<mailto:ted%40thestoneycompany.com>>

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I am in favor of deepening the Charleston Harbor channel to 52 feet. As a former employee of a steamship agency I know first hand how vital the port of Charleston is to the Charleston region, the State of South Carolina, and the entire country. The new steamships TEU capacity and draft requirements require a 52 foot channel depth and Charleston's natural harbor and close proximity to the ocean makes it by far the most cost effective port for the increased depth. The sooner this is accomplished the better for our economy.

**From:** [Hughes, Peter](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Harbor Deepening Project  
**Date:** Saturday, November 08, 2014 9:44:12 AM

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Charleston, SC 29403

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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,

Peter N Hughes, CPA

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

South Carolina Ports Authority

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Support Letter  
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Mr. Messersmith

Please see my attached letter in support of the Post 45 dredging project to 52'.

Thanks

T. Ravenel

Project Manager

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Mr. Mark Messersmith  
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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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As an employee of Palmetto Railways I work with the SCPA on a regular basis and am managing the design, permitting and construction effort for the Navy Base Intermodal Facility. Our facility will assist in shipping containers to their hinterland destinations by providing a more efficient and cost effective solution for rail transport in the local network and create capacity for the future volumes.

Simply put, this project must go forward for the economic well-being of our state for generations to come. 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. The completion of this project would make the Port of Charleston the deepest port on the East Coast and secure its place at the top of a very competitive market.

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,



T Ravenel  
Project Manager

**From:** [Ehlinger, Samantha](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Quick help with environmental study  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 04, 2014 3:06:44 PM

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Hello,

I left a message on your phone as well, but thought I'd shoot you an email just in case. I'm a reporter with McClatchy, and was hoping to talk to you about the environmental impact/feasibility study for the Charleston harbor deepening project. Would you be available? Feel free to give me a call at the number below.

Thanks,

Samantha Ehlinger  
sehlinger@mcclatchydc.com  
202-383-6035 - office  
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**From:** [Katie Schanz](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] SC Tire Manufacturers Council Comments  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 04, 2014 11:42:42 AM  
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Please see attached. Thank you.

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Katie King Schanz

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Mr. Mark Messersmith  
US Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District  
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Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

As members of the South Carolina Tire Manufacturers Council, we are writing to endorse the recommendation by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project at the Port of Charleston.

We cannot overstate how critical this deepening project is to the tire manufacturing industry in the state. In just the last two years, our fast-growing industry has invested \$3 billion in South Carolina and employs more than 12,000 people. It has become one of the state's largest industrial sectors.

If we are to continue to grow, we need a vibrant, around-the-clock, modernized port that can handle bigger, post-Panamax ships currently calling U.S. ports with even more expected next year. The South Carolina General Assembly recognized this urgency when they overwhelmingly voted in favor of setting aside the majority of the state's share of funding needed for the project – making South Carolina the only state in the nation to do so.

Our industry's future is riding on this project, as is South Carolina's economic prosperity. Simply put, we cannot afford to fail. If we don't deepen the Port of Charleston to 52 feet, ships and businesses will go elsewhere.

Thank you for looking favorably upon this proposal. We, as members of the South Carolina Tire Manufacturers Council, are looking forward to your swift approval of this proposal, which will help keep our industry strong and growing in the state.

Sincerely,

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Chris Gullot  
Bridgestone Americas

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian Musselman".

Ian Musselman  
Continental Tire the Americas

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Steve Evered  
Michelin North America



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Dear Mr. Messersmith,

Please accept this attached letter in support of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project to deepen the Charleston Port to 52 feet.

Sincerely,  
Sean Smith  
Canusa Corporation  
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Baltimore, MD 21231  
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# CANUSA HERSHMAN RECYCLING COMPANY

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

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

Canusa Corporation and Canusa Hershman Recycling 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 and the 8<sup>th</sup> largest exporter of containers in the U.S., 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,



NOV 7, 2014

Sean Smith – Vice President Logistics  
Canusa Corporation

**From:** [Sims, Vic](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
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Regards,

Vic

Victor B. Sims

ops COORDINATOR/YARD PLANNER

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Mr. Mark Messersmith  
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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.

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Sincerely,

Victor Sims

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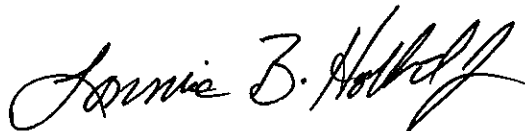
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Sincerely,

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Regards,

Melissa

Melissa W. Smith

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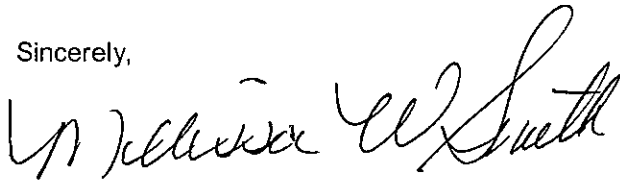
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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
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Sincerely,

Regards,

Willie

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Sincerely,

Michael Elmore

Terminal Manager

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I have been in the Low country for over 40 years. My three children were born here and love Charleston and know how important the Port is to our livelihood. The harbor deepening project is so very important for our entire community and the state.



My family and extended family thank you and your staff for all of your hard work!

Sincerely,

Gregory

Gregory A. Burkhardt

Software Developer

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Regards,

Edwina

Edwina Hall

Yard Planner

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**Edwina Hall**

**From:** [Doniphan, Michael](#)  
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This would be a huge game changer for the state of South Carolina.

Regards,

Michael

Michael P. Doniphan

OPERATIONS COORDINATOR/YARD PLANNER

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Michael Doniphan

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Please accept this letter in support of Harbor Deepening to 52ft for the Charleston Port.

Regards

Marty

Marcella (Marty) Holmes

sr accountant/accounts payable supervisor

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Marcella B Holmes

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Sincerely,

Regards,

Gabriel

Gabriel C Kotlinski

Material handling mechanic

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Best Regards,

John

John H. Albers

Lead Cargo handler

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Sincerely,

Rich Struth

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Dear Mark,

Please find my letter of support for this extremely important project that will set the stage for years to come for all South Carolinians. I urge you and the Corps to approve this project.

Regards,

Peter Lehman

Peter O. Lehman, Esq., PPM

vice president, cruise business and real estate

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Regards,

Michelle

Michelle Dye

Software Developer

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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,

Margie Hardwick

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Sincerely,

David Shaw

David M. Shaw

Systems Administrator

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Sincerely,

Regards,

Sampson

Sampson Cubit

Lead Mechanic, Material Handling Maintenance

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-Bruce

Robert B. Powell

Ops coordinator / yard planner

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Sincerely,

**R.B.Powell**

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Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Messersmith -- -- Please find a letter of support for the Harbor Deepening project being reviewed by the US Army Corps of Engineers. This letter is from Mr. Manfred Erlacher, President and CEO of BMW Manufacturing Co., LLC., located in South Carolina. Your consideration of the project is greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

Max Metcalf

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# BMW Plant Spartanburg



Mr. Mark Messersmith  
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13 November 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. 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.

Over the last several years, BMW Manufacturing has exported 70% of all vehicles produced in South Carolina, reaching over 140 global markets. In 2013, this amounted to over 200,000 vehicles being handled through the Port of Charleston. Earlier this year, we announced an additional \$1 Billion investment in our Spartanburg, SC plant and a plan to increase volume to 450,000 in the next two years. Another major component of our operations -which is greatly dependent on the Port-, is the container traffic coming to the plant. BMW currently imports on average 1,100 containers (2200 TEU's – 20' equivalent units) per month which include parts not produced in South Carolina for our models. You can easily understand that, if our volume is increasing, so will our logistics demand for inbound TEU's and exports. The addition of the South Carolina Inland Port has been very beneficial for business operations in our region for the state. A deepened harbor channel is the best compliment possible to a world-class logistics system in South Carolina.

It is critical that the harbor depth be deepened to accommodate the larger vessels, which in turn can lend security to the 30,000 jobs in South Carolina tied directly to our operations. 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.

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.

Your favorable consideration for the project is greatly appreciated.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Manfred Erlacher".

Manfred Erlacher

President & CEO

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Good Morning –

My letter is attached –

VR/

Dave Pierce

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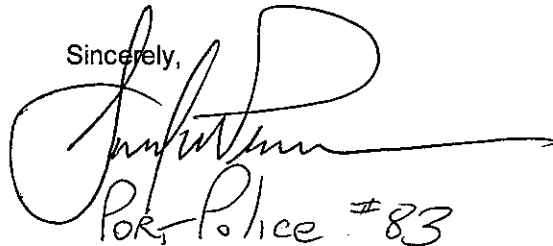
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Sincerely,



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Regards,

John

John D. Chihocky

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Sincerely,  
John D. Chihocky

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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] charleston harbor project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 12, 2014 7:28:39 AM

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Sincerely,

Thanks,

Matty Blum

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Please see attached letter in support of the Harbor Deepening at Charleston, SC.

Thank you.  
Suzanne Kaiser



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Sincerely,

Suzanne Kaiser

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BEST REGARDS,



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Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

As a Mediterranean Ship Company 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 over 300 MSC employees like me who depend on the port for our livelihood, this project is also important to 260,800 people across South Carolina whose jobs are created because of port operations.

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Best Regards,

Hannah Pruett

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Regards,

Shirley Smith

Systems administrator

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Regards,

Allen

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Sincerely, Allen D. Poole



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Sincerely,

Joshua C. Fletcher

Intermodal coordinator

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Please see attached letter from Mr. Jose Ayala.

Carol M. Ford

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Sincerely,

  
Jose Ayala

**From:** [Knight, Susan](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Chas-Post45 Harbor Deepening  
**Date:** Monday, November 10, 2014 10:19:29 AM  
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Regards,

Susan Knight

SR. Treasury operations technician

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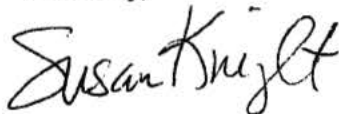
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Knight". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**From:** [Karen Pfau](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments: "owenen@dhec.sc.gov"](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comment - Charleston Harbor Deepening Project  
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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached comment letter about the Charleston Harbor Deepening Project.

Best Regards,

Karen Pfau

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Sincerely,





**From:** [Sease, Beverly](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comments on Charleston Port  
**Date:** Friday, November 14, 2014 10:51:11 AM  
**Attachments:** [Letter11142014.pdf](#)

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Please see attached letter from David Winkles, President, SC Farm Bureau Federation.

Beverly S. Sease

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November 14, 2014

Mr. Mark Messersmith  
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Dear Mr. Messersmith:

The South Carolina Farm Bureau (SCFB) submits this letter in support of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project. SCFB is a grassroots, non-profit organization celebrating and supporting family farmers, locally grown food, and our rural lands through legislative advocacy, education, and community outreach.

South Carolina is home to 25,000 farms covering nearly 5 million acres. The agriculture industry is the largest within the state, adding \$34 billion to South Carolina's economy. Agribusiness relies heavily on exports of agricultural commodities, and our port system is tied to one of every 11 jobs statewide.

The Port of Charleston is vital to South Carolina's agriculture industry. Agricultural products comprise more than 30 percent of Charleston's container volume. A 2008 study shows that the Port helps support 2,600 agriculture and forestry jobs within the state.

The harbor-deepening project is absolutely essential to keeping up with the growing demand of South Carolina agricultural exports delivered overseas. Agricultural exports are heavier products, and shipbuilders are building larger ships to increase efficiency. The combined effects of these factors create a need for infrastructure-expansion, cutting-edge technology, and deeper harbors.

Simply put, this project must go forward for the economic well-being of our state for generations to come. Failure to deepen the harbor to accommodate larger vessels around the clock would hinder the collective statewide efforts to create more jobs and improve the quality of life for our citizens.

Accordingly, SCFB strongly supports the Port of Charleston's harbor-deepening project. We respectfully request that advance the project.

Sincerely,

David Winkles  
President

**From:** [Singleton, Robert](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Deepen Harbor to 52 Feet  
**Date:** Thursday, November 13, 2014 8:44:59 AM  
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Regards,

Robert

Robert L. Singleton

Lead Mechanic, MATERIAL HANDLING MAINTENANCE

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Sincerely, Robert L. Singleton

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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] DEEPEN HARBOR  
**Date:** Thursday, November 13, 2014 11:47:54 AM  
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Regards,

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Robert G Gourdine

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**From:** [Kay, Carrie](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] deepen the PORT OF CHARLESTON  
**Date:** Monday, November 10, 2014 10:06:44 AM

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Regards,

Carrie

Carrie R. Kay

Software developer

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Deepening of Charleston Harbor  
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customer service and account specialist

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**Cc:** [Softy, Teresa \(TSofty@SCSPA.com\)](mailto:Softy.Teresa@SCSPA.com)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Deepening of Charleston's Harbor  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 12, 2014 10:09:15 AM

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Rodney A. Softy

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Deepening of the Charleston Harbor  
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Sincerely,

Rebecca

Rebecca Harmon

Treasury operations technician

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Thanks,

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Sincerely,

The Sassard Family

Best regards,

Jacky Sassard and Family



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Tracy D Hemby  
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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dredging Charleston Harbor to 52 feet  
**Date:** Monday, November 10, 2014 2:08:35 PM  
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Mr. Messersmith,

Please see the attached letter regarding Harbor Deeping in Charleston.

Regards,

Michael

Michael D. Hoffman

SC Inland Port—terminal manager

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Michael Hoffman

Terminal Manager  
SC Inland Port Terminal  
Greer, SC 29651



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Leonton Anthony

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Julie

Julie A. Cordova-Owens

OPS Coordinator/yard planner

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Regards,

Virginia

K9 Virginia Atkinson

K9 Explosive detection handler

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Tim

Timothy B. Porter

ops coordinator/yard planner

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Matthew Blum

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Ms. Erin Owen  
Water Quality Certification and Wetland Section  
SCDHEC – Bureau of Water  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

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**From:** [Mazurek, Mark](#)  
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Clair

Clair Davey

Manager, systems administration

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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,

William Crowther  
Wando Welch Terminal Manager

**From:** [Aubrey Coward](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Harbor Deepening Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 12, 2014 8:51:51 AM  
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Good Morning.

Please see the attached support letter for the harbor deepening project.

Aubrey Coward

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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.

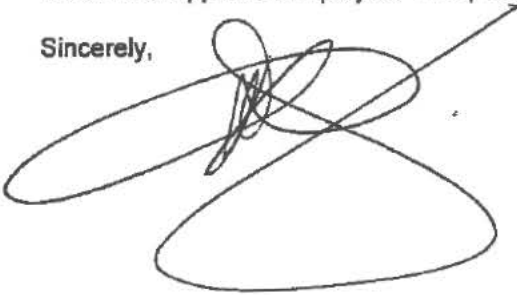
In addition, South Carolina's Governor, General Assembly, business groups and other stakeholders have demonstrated broad support for harbor deepening. This support resulted in concrete action when the General Assembly, in a bipartisan vote, set aside the state's share of funding for the project—the only 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**From:** [Richardson, Mary Beth](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Harbor Deepening Project  
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**Attachments:** [Harbor Deepening.doc](#)

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Please find a letter attached.

Best Regards,

Mary Beth

Mary Beth Richardson

General manager, planning and business analysis

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Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

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

This project is critical to the State of South Carolina and the Southeast region. I am one of many directly impacted by the Port of Charleston and its future growth. I have lived in Charleston for 20 years and worked for the Port for over 10 years. Without the port, I daresay that I would not have been able remain in Charleston as the job market here for many years was extremely uncompetitive. The port industry has been the backbone of this city since its inception and remains to have the most direct economic impact on our region and state.

Our harbor has many natural benefits that make it a clear choice for deepening. I believe this project is critical for South Carolina's future growth and without it our port will not be able to handle the large ships that are right around the corner. Please let this project go forward for my generation and future generations to come.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Richardson

**From:** [Gloria Purcell](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Harbor Deepening Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 11, 2014 10:02:19 AM

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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,

Gloria Purcell

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Gloria Purcell, CPC  
Owner/Staffing Specialist  
A-Plus Staffing, LLC  
843-556-1800  
[gloria@aplusstaffing.net](mailto:gloria@aplusstaffing.net)

**From:** [Owens, Caroline](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Harbor Deepening Project  
**Date:** Monday, November 10, 2014 12:45:45 PM

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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 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.

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Sincerely,

Regards,

Caroline

Caroline T. Owens

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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
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Beth Regards,

Beth

Beth Macaulay

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Sincerely,

Beth Macaulay

**From:** [Cishek, Rodger](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Harbor Deepening Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 12, 2014 9:52:57 AM  
**Attachments:** [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District.pdf](#)

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See attachment letter to move forward with the harbor deepening.

Regards,

Rodger

Rodger Cishek

Captain, InvesTigations/Port Operations

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. L. Lick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "R." and a long, sweeping flourish.

**From:** [Stone, Marshall](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Harbor Deepening Support Letter  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 12, 2014 8:43:27 AM  
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Please see the attached.

Regards,

Marshall

Marshall Stone

Safety Manager

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Sincerely,

Marshall Stone  
Safety Manager, Port of Charleston  
POB 22287  
Charleston, SC 29413  
Office: 843.577.8131

**From:** [Rinaldi, Lindy](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Harbor Deepening Support  
**Date:** Monday, November 10, 2014 1:59:04 PM  
**Attachments:** [Mr. Mark Messersmith.ACOE.Harbor Deepening support.pdf](#)

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Hi Mark,

I have attached my signature for support of the proposed 52 foot harbor deepening project. I have been a port employee for over 26 years and understand how important this project is to the continued economic prosperity of South Carolina and our nation.

Regards,

Lindy

Lorinda M. Rinaldi

Chief of police

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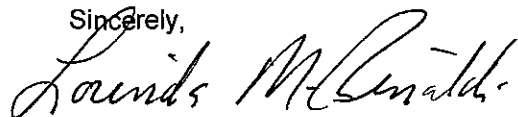
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lounds McEnath". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Lounds McEnath".



**From:** [DAmaral, Donald](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
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Mr. Mark Messersmith

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Regards,

Donald

Donald L D'Amaral

Ops Coordinator/Yard Planner

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Regards,

Melody

Melody W. Jones

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melody Jones". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the rest of the page.

**From:** [Simon, Brent](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Harbor Deepening  
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Regards,

Brent

Brent L. Simon

Sergeant-Trainig Division

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Sincerely,

SGT B Simen

**From:** [Barna, Mark](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Harbor deepening  
**Date:** Monday, November 10, 2014 10:46:12 AM

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Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

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Sincerely,

Mark Barna

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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [Stephen Rauch](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Harbor Deepening  
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Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

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

This project is important to me and my family as well as the 260,800 people across South Carolina whose jobs are created because of port operations.

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Sincerely,

Melanie L. Rauch



**From:** [Rauch, Steve](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Harbor Deepening  
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Regards

Marty

Marcella (Marty) Holmes

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Sam

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Regards,

Kevin

Kevin Matthews

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*George K Matthews*

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Mark, please see attached letter. Thanks for your review and support of this matter.

Regards,

Jimmy

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Regards,

Melody

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Terminal Clerk

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Anne Baldwin  
Accounting Department

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Good morning, Mr. Messersmith. Please consider the attached letter as my declaration of support for the Harbor Deepening project.

Regards,

Cathy

Cathy Chihocky

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The South Carolina Ports are known for their efficiency, they are 60% more productive than the West Coast Ports. That in itself should speak great volumes. Protecting and enhancing our Port should be a no brainer. See for yourself and look at the numbers, at our overall container volume, BMW units moved through Charleston, Continental Tires, break bulk, roll on roll off, and heavy lift. So you can see why the Harbor Deeping Project should move A.S.A.P.

Regards,

Chris

Chris C. Collins

Lead Mechanic

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To Whom it may concern,

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IFP is one of the largest containerized exporters in the US and, like many US exporters, relies on efficient freight solutions in order to remain competitive in the global economy. This project will allow IFP's suppliers in South Carolina and surround states to take advantage of better shipping services and larger vessels that can gain economies of scale. IFP's volumes through Charleston will realize strong growth with implementation of this proposed project.

Respectfully submitted.

Rob Shepard  
Vice President of Transportation & Logistics  
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Kenneth J. Kromer

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Thanks for your efforts.

Keith

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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 a SC State Ports Authority employee for the past 22 years, 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,

Keith Nell  
Manager of Vessel Operations

**From:** [Read, Marsha](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
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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:

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,

John Baldwin, CCIM

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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support for Charleston Harbor deepening  
**Date:** Thursday, November 13, 2014 10:48:47 AM

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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:

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.

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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,

Alex Campbell

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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Micah Mallace 52" support letter  
**Date:** Monday, November 10, 2014 10:08:47 AM

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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 SPCA 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, as well as the customers I look after around the country.

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,

Micah

Micah Mallace

Regional Sales Executive

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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [owenen@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:owenen@dhec.sc.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Approve The 52" Harbor Deepening Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 11, 2014 8:27:42 AM

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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,

Billy Dodd

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Port 52 feet project  
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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 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.

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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.

Regards,

LT.Olin E. Davis

lieUTENANT: Special Operations / K9 Explosive Supervisor / Passenger Terminal FSO

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Mr. Mark Messersmith  
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Charleston, SC 29403

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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,  
Evan C. Cramer

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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PORT OF CHARLESTON NEED TO BE DEEPER  
**Date:** Monday, November 10, 2014 10:13:25 AM

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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 the husband of 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,

Charles W Kay

**From:** [Max.Metcalf@bmwmc.com](mailto:Max.Metcalf@bmwmc.com)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Port of Charleston Support  
**Date:** Friday, November 14, 2014 4:19:34 PM  
**Attachments:** [BMW-2014-11-10.pdf](#)

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Dear Mr. Messersmith – Please find a letter of support for the Harbor Deepening project being reviewed by the US Army Corps of Engineers. This letter is from Mr. Harald Krüger, Member of the BMW Board of Management. Your consideration of the project is greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

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

November 10, 2014

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

I write to endorse the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project. The Port of Charleston is an essential part of BMW's strategic target to reach global markets with our models produced in South Carolina.

BMW currently exports 70% of South Carolina produced X models to approximately 140 markets in the world. Likewise, in order to produce vehicles in the US we also must import over one thousand containers holding key parts for our company and our suppliers in the region. The deepening of the harbor in Charleston will enable companies such as ours to meet growing demand in the global marketplace, help maintain the competitiveness of small, medium and large port users and secure jobs such as the 30,000 in South Carolina that are directly tied to our operations.

Your favorable consideration of the request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



From: [Ellenberg, Jack](#)  
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
Cc: [Ellenberg, Jack](#)  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 comment  
Date: Monday, November 10, 2014 10:34:40 AM

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Dear Mr. Messersmith,

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

In addition to the 500 SCPA employees who depend on the port for our livelihood, this project is important to the citizens across South Carolina, nearly 300,000 whose jobs exist because of port operations.

The Governor, General Assembly and leaders across the state have shown their support for this effort. This project is important to Charleston, the State of South Carolina and the Southeastern region. South Carolina is home to some of the best companies in the world, and continues to attract new and expanding companies involved in manufacturing and distribution on a global scale. These companies need access to the global market that the Port of Charleston provides. And, while we are the most efficient port in the nation, to truly be competitive in our region we must have the ability to serve post-Panamax ships without tidal restrictions.

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.

The 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,

Jack W. Ellenberg

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Regards,

David

David J. Hoffman

North Charleston Terminal Manager

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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,

David Hoffman  
North Charleston Terminal Manager

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: I support the deepening of the Charleston Port. We have received over 100 million dollars of equipment for our new SC manufacturing facility through the port, and we believe that improvements to the port will benefit the receipt of shipments.

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Name: Terra Kinder  
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Draft FR/EIS Comment: Please deepen the harbor of Charleston. Thank you.

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: 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.

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: 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. 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.

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Name: Charlie Hill

Email: [REDACTED]

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: 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, Charlie Hill



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Name: Alison Wilson

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: Deepening Charleston's port will help facilitate economic development in the region and state of South Carolina. From a hotel standpoint, having a more competitive port positively impacts our growing tourism industry and increases demand for accommodations and meeting needs with visitors, contractors and partners associated with the deepening project. With Charleston's recent accolades being voted one of the top cities to visit in the world by world renowned Travel Magazines, it only makes sense for the port to be more competitive- it's a win- win for our global economy.

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Name: Ron Sassard

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: The harbor deepening is critical to the viability of the Charleston port in support of numerous US businesses that rely on the port to be competitive. This needs to happen as quickly as possible to allow the use of larger, more efficient ships. Ultimately, this port deepening is needed to support US businesses as they compete internationally.

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Name: Darby Brass

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I am writing to let you know I am for deepening the Charleston Harbor. The State Ports Authority is an integral part of Charleston's economy, and livelihood of many residents. We need any and all advantages we can have to increase our Port's work load of receiving and exporting products through our harbor. Please listen and allow Charleston to grow and keep up with the ever changing business world. Thank you, Darby A. Brass

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Name: Alexis Sorbara

Email: [asorbara@scspa.com](mailto:asorbara@scspa.com) <<mailto:asorbara%40scspa.com>>

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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: 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. This process to deepen the harbor is not only crucial to the job security of the 500 SCPA employees like me, yet to 260,800 people across South Carolina whose jobs are created because of port operations. It is imperative for our economy's livelihood and competitive edge of Charleston's ports to go forth with this proposed project. The bottom line is that ships are getting larger and they will be called to Charleston. To maintain our title of having the nation's best terminal productivity, we must align our infrastructure and harbor depth to have the capability of hosting larger, post-Panamax ships without tidal restriction, to maximize productivity. Without a deeper harbor, ships will be going elsewhere. With that being said, the proposed 52 foot depth is a key player to ensure our state's future security and success. The Governor, General Assembly and leaders across our state have shown their support for this effort. This effort is statewide, serving South Carolina as a prosperous whole. It is important for the immediate future to continue to grow and stay relevant in the world of ports. On a daily basis, companies, households and every person of every county of South Carolina depend on our port to allow access to goods and imports. After years of investigating and planning, 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, with appropriate mitigation and restorative planning. If Charleston and other counties would like to see businesses prosper and grow as they have been, this is necessary for South Carolina as a whole. 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, Alexis Sorbara

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Name: William Crowther

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I am in favor of the harbor deepening project for Charleston Harbor.

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Name: William Lempesis

Email: [Blempesis@scspa.com](mailto:Blempesis@scspa.com) <<mailto:Blempesis%40scspa.com>>

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: I would like to strongly support the SCPA and the US Army CORP of Engineers in its efforts to deepen (Post 45 Foot Draft) Charleston SC. Not only is it critical to the continued economic development for the lowcountry and the State of SC, it also is the most efficient means for the US government to support the countries commercial infrastructure. Charleston has a long history as a commercial seaport, this project is absolutely necessary for Charleston to remain a viable seaport. Thank You

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Name: Tommy Puckhaber

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Name: Hampton Lee

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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: 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, Hampton Lee



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Name: Allen Cullum

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Address: 3949 Maple Av., #410, Dallas, TX 75219-3254

Draft FR/EIS Comment: As the developer of Velocity Park, a major industrial park in Greer, SC, two miles from the Greer Inland Port, I support the deepening of the Charleston harbor to 52 feet as a worthy and economically important project for the entire Southeastern United States. Bringing larger ships into the Charleston harbor will have positive effects on the environment and the economy by greatly lessening cross-country and intrastate truck shipments. Utilizing the Norfolk Southern line and lower cost rail service will be win-win for all parties. Please proceed with the study and, eventually, the deeping. Thank you. Allen Cullum

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Name: Eric Bakker

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Address: 5900 Core Ave, st203 N Charleston SC 29406

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, Eric M Bakker

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Name: Bob Bullock

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Address: Southeastern Freight Lines, Inc., 420 Davega Drive, Lexington, SC 29073

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, Bob Bullock  
Bob Bullock  
Vice President, International Southeastern Freight Lines, inc. 420 Davega Drive Lexington, SC 29073

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Name: Jimmie Gianoukos

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Address: 4033 W. Montague Ave. N. Charleston, SC 29418

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, Jimmie Gianoukos, President & CEO ATS Logistics, Inc.

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Name: SUSAN MURPHY

Email: [REDACTED]

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: I fully agree with the deepening project

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Name: Richard Jones

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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. 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, Richard Jones

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Name: Summer Massey

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: I support the harbor deepening project.

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Name: Lou Kennedy

Email: [loukennedy@nephronpharm.com](mailto:loukennedy@nephronpharm.com) <<mailto:loukennedy%40nephronpharm.com>>

Address: 4500 12th Street Extension, West Columbia, SC 29172

Draft FR/EIS Comment: I support the deepening of the Charleston Port. We have received over 100 million dollars of equipment for our new SC manufacturing facility through the port, and we believe that improvements to the port will benefit the receipt of shipments.



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Regards,

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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:

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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.

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Sincerely,



**Tim Sherman**  
**Facilities Manager**

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69A Hagood Avenue  
Charleston, SC 29403

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Sincerely,

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Regards,

Steve

Stevenson E. Kemp, Jr., P.E.

Vice President, Terminal Operations

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69A Hagood Avenue  
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Sincerely,

Stevenson E. Kemp, Jr., P.E.  
Vice President, Terminal Operations

**From:** [Holstein, Brian](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project  
**Date:** Monday, November 10, 2014 10:57:51 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

Database Administrator

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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project  
**Date:** Monday, November 10, 2014 11:02:31 AM

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Sincerely,

Darryl Spriggs

HVAC Tech

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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Request for Support for the Harbor Deepening Project  
**Date:** Friday, November 14, 2014 9:06:05 AM  
**Attachments:** [DOC.pdf](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Good morning

Please see the attachment pertaining to the Harbor Deepening Project.

Regards,

Michael

Michael J. Wilson

CMMS Administrator

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**From:** [Oubre, Ed](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Request support for 52 feet  
**Date:** Friday, November 14, 2014 8:58:50 AM  
**Attachments:** [request.pdf](#)

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Regards,

Ed

Ed G. Oubre

mechanical technical specialist

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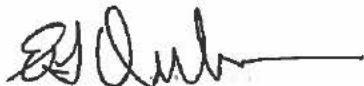
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**From:** [Ando, Wendy](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] SC Port - Harbor Deepening  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 12, 2014 1:09:18 PM

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Please see the attached letter in support of the harbor deepening.

Thank you,

Wendy Pyles Ando

Payroll Administrator

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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [DiPaolo, Victor J.](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] SCPA proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project comment.  
**Date:** Monday, November 10, 2014 10:05:35 AM  
**Attachments:** [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers support letterx.pdf](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Sincerely,

Victor J. DiPaolo

South Carolina Ports Authority

PS: I have also attached a PDF of the above for your files.

Regards,

Victor

Victor J. DiPaolo

Manager, International Carrier sales

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**From:** [Grafmann, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] SCSPA Habor Deepening Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 12, 2014 8:34:20 AM

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Charleston, SC 29403

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Sincerely,

Cathy Grafmann

SoFTWARE dEVELOPER

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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support fo Habor Deepening Project  
**Date:** Monday, November 10, 2014 2:49:34 PM

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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,

Orlando A. Jacinto  
Network Administrator

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**From:** [Sturmer, Barry](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] support for 52-foot harbor deepening  
**Date:** Monday, November 10, 2014 10:09:32 AM

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Sincerely,

Barry Sturmer

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**From:** [Green, Verna](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for SC Port's 52 Feet Harbor Deepening Project  
**Date:** Monday, November 10, 2014 12:35:52 PM  
**Attachments:** [52 Feet Harbor Deepening Project .pdf](#)

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Good Day Mr. Messersmith:

Please see the attached letter. I would like to thank you in advance for your support of the port and for our quest for the 52-foot harbor deepening project.

Kindest regards,

Verna L. Green

Manager, Communications and Admin

South Carolina Ports Authority

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "U. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "U" and a long, sweeping underline.

**From:** [Wilson, Alison](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support Needed for Charleston Harbor Post-45 Project  
**Date:** Monday, November 10, 2014 1:57:25 PM

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Deepening Charleston's port will help facilitate economic development in the region and state of South Carolina. From a hotel standpoint, having a more competitive port positively impacts our growing tourism industry and increases demand for accommodations and meeting needs with visitors, contractors and partners associated with the deepening project. With Charleston's recent accolades being voted one of the top cities to visit in the world by world renowned Travel Magazines, it only makes sense for the port to be more competitive- it's a win- win for our global economy.

Alison Wilson | Sales Manager | Courtyard by Marriott Charleston Historic District

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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support of deepening Charleston Harbor  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 12, 2014 3:46:21 PM

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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

Stephen A. Krupczak

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November 6, 2014

Lt. Col. John T. Litz  
Commander and District Engineer, Charleston District  
69 Hagood Ave  
Charleston, SC 29403

**Re: STAND FOR HARBOR DEEPENING**

Dear Colonel Litz,

The purpose of this letter is to introduce, to you, the Trident CEO Council, a group of executives from the Tri-County Region employing in excess of 10,000 associates in the local community, advocating a culture to Stand for Progress in our Region.

The Council fully supports your harbor deepening recommendation to 52 feet. Our region enjoys a USA Top Ten Port and recognizes that the South Carolina Port will need to invest nearly \$2 billion dollars into our Port Infrastructure over the next ten years. This investment will lead to job creation and multi-billion dollar economic growth throughout South Carolina. To accomplish this goal, we strongly support deepening the harbor to 52 feet to enable our Port to handle larger ships coming to our City in the future.

In conclusion, The Trident CEO Council supports your recommendation for the deepening of the harbor and stands ready to assist in any way possible.

Respectfully and Supportively,



Tom Leonard  
Executive Director

/dab

cc Trident CEO Council

**From:** [Morin, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [owenen@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:owenen@dhec.sc.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Charleston Harbor deepening support  
**Date:** Monday, November 24, 2014 3:14:48 PM  
**Attachments:** [Charleston Harbor deepening letter.pdf](#)

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Mr. Messersmith,

Please see attached letter in support of deepening Charleston Harbor.

Sincerely,

Paul Morin

Director US Transportation

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November 24, 2014

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

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Sincerely,



Paul R. Morin  
Director US Transportation  
adidas Group

**From:** [Jill Neece](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] FW: Charleston Harbor Deepening - Public Comment Period.  
**Date:** Monday, November 24, 2014 5:39:33 PM

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Dear Army Corps of Engineers,

Please allow this e-mail to serve as an expression of Springs Creative Products Group, LLC support of the Charleston Harbor Deepening Project. The Charleston Port is a great competitive advantage for our business by allowing us to keep our drayage costs down and receive containers within 24 hours of vessel arrival! We also provide 3PL services for other companies. We are always recruiting for more import and export business. Over the years we have done business with many different ports and the Charleston port is, by far, one of the most efficient with solid customer service and quick container turns.

Since the Charleston Port is a harbor port, we would imagine that the environmental impact to deepen, is less disruptive and more environmentally friendly versus ports with river access, etc. The Charleston port is a valued partner in the growth of SC Commerce and our surrounding states as well.

It is inevitable that most of the ocean carriers will transition to larger vessels over the next several years. The larger vessels allow the carriers to move more containers in an improved fuel efficient and environmentally friendly manner. In order for the Charleston Port to remain competitive, it must be able to accommodate the larger vessels. This is a vital project for the state of SC and will have great impact in the state's ability to locate more commerce here.

Springs Creative Products Group, LLC is excited for the future growth of our home state port in this vast global economy.

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November 25, 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,

Sharon

Sharon P. Jorgensen

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Dear Mr. Messersmoth,

Please find attached my letter of support for the deepening of the Charleston harbor to 52 feet. The Port of Charleston is vital to the economy of the State of South Carolina the surrounding region. In the future I think there will be greater economic savings with the low cost of maintaining the Charleston harbor verses other ports.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Claus Busch

Claus Busch

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## AZ Charleston, Inc.

November 24, 2014

Mr. Mark Messersmith  
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Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

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Sincerely,

Claus Busch

**From:** [Harrison, Bradley](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [Dhand, Erin](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Harbor dredging letter  
**Date:** Monday, November 24, 2014 6:02:34 AM  
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Thank you for accepting comments on the harbor dredging. Attached I have written a short letter in support of the project.

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Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith

In anticipation of the completed expansion of the Panama Canal in January of 2016, it is my sincere hope that the United States Army Corps of Engineers along with cooperation from the South Carolina Dept. of Health and Environmental Control will proceed with plans for the 52 ft. deepening of Charleston Harbor.

Ever-increasing container/cargo ship size was a decisive factor in my sending you this letter. To stay competitive with a global reach the Port of Charleston has to be able to service these larger vessels around the clock without tidal restriction. These new ships, although larger, are also more advanced using a multitude of eco-friendly innovative and technological improvements which allow them to be more energy efficient, power to weight, than many of the smaller container ships we see today.

The economic importance to the state goes without saying. It is without doubt that every South Carolinian will benefit from this proposed project in some form. The deepening will also have far-reaching implications that extend well beyond our state lines. With the addition of the SC Inland Port the SC State Ports Authority has seen an increase in customers from North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee. Export and import volume will increase significantly with the harbor dredging as new and existing customers alike from this state and surrounding states are able to take advantage of new markets from around the world.

With the bulk of funding already in place, this project will insure economic viability and sustainability for our state with minimal environmental impact; a win-win for South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Brad Harrison

**From:** [Kathryn Pfaehler Wall](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Letter to Mr. Mark Messersmith  
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On behalf of Mr. Tommy Baker.

Best,

Kathryn

Kathryn P. Wall

office of Tommy B. Baker

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## BAKER MOTOR COMPANY

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

Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

As a business owner in Charleston, SC, I urge the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to move forward with the proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

Not only to me & my business but this project is important to 260,800 people across South Carolina whose jobs are created because of port operations.


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Sincerely,

  
Tommy Baker  
President & CEO



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Dear Sirs:

Attached please find a note from Mr. Jorge L. Quijano, Panama Canal Authority Administrator, regarding the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Charleston Harbor Deepening Project.

Kind regards,

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November 24, 2014

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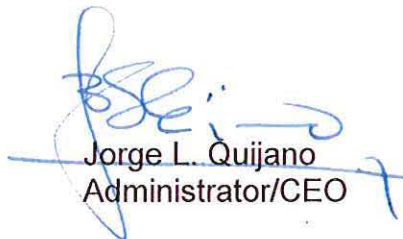
Dear Sirs:

On behalf of the Panama Canal Authority, I would like to congratulate the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for releasing the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Charleston Harbor Deepening Project. In this regard, Mr. James I. Newsome, III, President and Chief Executive Officer of the South Carolina State Ports Authority, provided us with insightful information regarding the harbor deepening project and its implications, not only for the state, but also, for the South Atlantic region.

As you are aware, the Panama Canal Expansion Project is well underway and scheduled to commence operations in early 2016. I must emphasize that major infrastructure projects such as the deepening of Charleston Harbor and the expansion of the waterway, will not only impact the global logistics and transportation chain, but also strengthen our economies.

Once again, congratulations to the Charleston District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for supporting this project and for its professionalism in moving forward the Charleston harbor and other navigational projects along the South Carolina coast.

Sincerely,



Jorge L. Quijano  
Administrator/CEO



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Draft FR/EIS Comment: I agree with the conclusions of the DRAFT FR/EIS. As the chair of the American Society of Civil Engineers Member Communities Committee, I support this project as it exemplifies two of our ASCE Society Initiatives - Improving America's Infrastructure and Sustainable Growth.

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: As one of the 260,000 people in South Carolina whose livelihood depends on the competitiveness of our port system, I write in support of Charleston harbor deepening to 52 feet. This project is incredibly significant to our economy and can be completed in an environmentally-responsible manner. There is no question it will have a lasting impact on our state, region and nation. Harbor deepening to 52 feet secures the strength and competitiveness of the Port of Charleston for years to come. Regards, Erin Dhand

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: I support

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: Mr. Mark Messersmith U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District 69A

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Peyton Howell VP of Project Development Yeargin Potter Shackelford Construction

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: I support it.

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: The Laurens County Development Corporation fully supports the deepening of the Port of Charleston. This will enhance improved economic development for the State of South Carolina.



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Richard Blackwell Ocone Economic Alliance

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: Deepen the Port----it is our economic engine for the state---we need stay competitive after the Panama Canal construction is finished.

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Name: Robert C Schuler

Email: [REDACTED]

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: I would like to convey my total and strong support for the Harbor Deepening in Charleston to 52 feet. I have been a resident and steamship manager in Charleston for about 25 years. I have seen Charleston grow to one of the finest ports in the United States due to the forward thinking under the leadership of Don Welch and have seen the decline of the Port as well for many reasons. Recently the Port is on track to become one of the top ports and the Harbor Deepening is essential to its continued path. Why is this so vital, the South Carolina economy will falter without it and prosper with the Deepening. All the studies are out there to confirm this. This Project must go on. A tremendous thanks is deserved by the Army Corps of Engineers, Jim Newsome, the Maritime Association and the numerous entities who have moved it this far. Best Regards, Bob Schuler

**From:** [Brown, Kent](#)  
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I just wanted to drop a line and add my name to chorus of support for the harbor deepening.

While I may have a direct interest in this outcome as I am an employee of the Port of Charleston, I still recognize the importance to the state as a whole. Please keep up the great work the corps does and help us help South Carolina.

I consider myself an environmentalist and an avid sportsman. I have been very proud of the work and stewardship that the Port has provided for the state and its customers. From the Clean Truck Program to helping refurbish oyster beds around the harbor on The Day of Caring, the Port does a great job involving the community and employees. I know as we move forward with the Post 45, the Port will continue that great tradition.

Again, many thanks for your help and support for a Post 45 Charleston Harbor.

Thanks,

Kent

A.Kent Brown

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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 an employee of the SC State Ports Authority, I urge the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to move forward the proposed 52-foot deepening project for the Charleston Harbor.

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Sincerely,

Brad A Klohn

Sergeant, SC State Ports Authority Police Department

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Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith,

Please accept my attached comments in support of this very important project.

Regards,

Mike

Michael N. Stresemann

Vice President, crane and equipment maintenance

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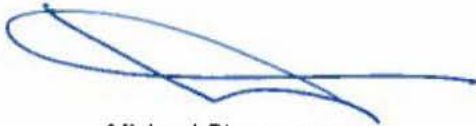
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Michael Stresemann

**From:** [Kristy Ellenberg](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Chas-Post45  
**Date:** Thursday, November 20, 2014 5:05:36 PM

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Mr. Messersmith,

I am writing in support of the Charleston Harbor Deepening. As a lifetime SC resident, I recognize the economic importance of the Port of Charleston throughout our history and this deepening will allow us to continue serving the Southeast and the United States in our global economy. As an environmentalist, I recognize the environmental impact of a Charleston deepening is significantly less than other East Coast port operations. As such, I support the harbor deepening in Charleston to 52 feet.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kristy T. Ellenberg

**From:** [Seacrist, David](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Emailing: Support of the Charleston Harbor Deepening  
**Date:** Thursday, November 20, 2014 10:42:30 AM  
**Attachments:** [Support of the Charleston Harbor Deepening.pdf](#)

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Mr. Mark Messersmith, please accept my comments in support of the Charleston Harbor deepening project

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Support of the Charleston Harbor Deepening

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Mr. Mark Messersmith  
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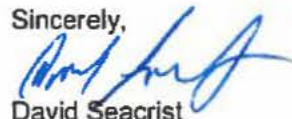
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David Seacrist

**From:** [Tracey Hare](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [Tracey Hare](#); [Angela Leidinger](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Endorsement from Dr. James P. Clements, Clemson University  
**Date:** Friday, November 21, 2014 5:54:14 PM  
**Attachments:** [Mark Messersmith 11.24.14.pdf](#)

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please find attached a letter from Dr. James P. Clements, President of Clemson University, regarding the endorsement of the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you should have any questions or need additional information.

Best regards,

Tracey Hare

Tracey Hare

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November 24, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Messersmith:

I write to provide my endorsement of the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project. I have every confidence in the recently released US Army Corps of Engineer's Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement, which has found that this project can be accomplished in an environmentally-responsible manner.

The Charleston Harbor is a key economic driver for the entire state of South Carolina and the harbor deepening project is vital to the state's economic future. This deepening project will allow the Port of Charleston to remain competitive in the post-Panamax vessel environment and well into the future.

Statewide support for this project can be seen at the very highest levels of our state's leadership and this project has been endorsed by the Governor, the Congressional Delegation, the General Assembly, and numerous business leaders throughout South Carolina. Governmental support for this project resulted in the General Assembly, in a bipartisan vote, appropriating the full estimated state share of the funding needed for this project and South Carolina was the only state to do so. This action alone demonstrates the importance of this project and the far reaching impact the Port of Charleston has across South Carolina.

Clemson University's main campus is located in the upstate of South Carolina which has a tremendous concentration of industries that utilize the Port of Charleston. Additionally, Clemson's footprint expands statewide and in almost every instance the industries we work with rely on the Port to be their partner in an ever-changing and competitive business climate. To allow South Carolina's port to be more competitive positively impacts the competitive advantage for these industries. This competitive advantage is the key to the creation of new jobs in the state and keeping South Carolina's best and brightest students in the state after graduation.

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THE PRESIDENT**

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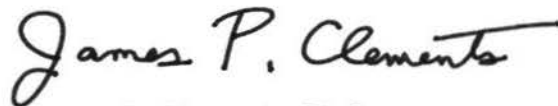
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In summary, to advance this project is very important to the economic well-being of our state for future generations. Failure to move forward with the deepening project would impact statewide efforts to maintain the competitiveness of our existing industries and to recruit new industries to this state, both of which are vital to the quality of life for all of our citizens.

I respectfully request that you give every consideration to the approval of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James P. Clements". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

James P. Clements, Ph.D.  
President

JPC/trh

cc: Angie Leidinger



**From:** [PMJ](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Harbor Deepening Project  
**Date:** Thursday, November 20, 2014 8:52:28 AM

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Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

As a family member of 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 and their families like ours 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 Jr.

**From:** [Joyce McClintock](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Harbor Deepening Project  
**Date:** Thursday, November 20, 2014 8:08:24 AM

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Charleston, SC 29403

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Sincerely,

Joyce McClintock

From: [Mikell Thaxton](#)  
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
Cc: [owenen@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:owenen@dhec.sc.gov)  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In Support of Harbor Deepening  
Date: Friday, November 21, 2014 4:51:58 PM

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Dear Mr. Messersmith and Ms. Owen,

I write to support the proposed 52-foot deepening project of the Charleston Harbor as recommended by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in their Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement.

In the increasingly competitive global trade environment in which we operate today, moving forward with this project (and on a timely basis) is absolutely critical, to not only South Carolina's economic future, but the entire region and nation as well. Nearly every long-term forecast of the U.S. economy projects the Southeastern region of the country to be the fastest growing area for decades to come. As a result, it is essential that The Port of Charleston have the ability to handle fully loaded post-Panamax vessels 24 hours a day, without tidal restrictions.

In an unprecedented display of bipartisan support of this project, every layer of government in South Carolina, from the local level to our Congressional delegation, has embraced this project. Nothing demonstrates this commitment more than the actions of the General Assembly, when they set aside the state's share of the construction cost.

However, perhaps the most compelling argument to proceed with deepening Charleston Harbor to 52 feet comes from two findings of the exhaustive abovementioned study of the US Army Corps itself: When compared with deepening two other major Southeastern Ports, deepening the Port of Charleston will save an average of \$150 million, while at the same time gain an extra five feet of depth, with the least amount of impact to the environment.

I would respectfully submit that is the very definition of a "no-brainer" and request that you approve this project.

Sincerely yours,

Mikell

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President  
Port City Warehouse Company  
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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Letter about Charleston Harbor Deepening  
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Please see the attached letter from College of Charleston President Glenn F. McConnell.

A hardcopy of the letter has been sent to Mr. Mark Messersmith.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Michael

Michael Adeyanju

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November 20, 2014

Mr. Mark Messersmith  
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Dear Mr. Messersmith:

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Glenn F. McConnell '69

cc: Mr. James I. Newsome, III, President and CEO, South Carolina Ports Authority

From: [Coon, Michele](#)  
To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
Cc: [Farrell, Joe](#)  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Comments  
Date: Thursday, November 20, 2014 2:16:43 PM  
Attachments: [2014-11-20 Messersmith - JHF.pdf](#)

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Sent on behalf of Joseph H. Farrell, III.

Mr. Mark Messersmith,

Attached, please find my comments to the United States Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Project for the 52-foot harbor deepening project in Charleston Harbor.

Michele L. Coon, J.D.

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Sent on behalf of Philip L. Lawrence.

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Michele L. Coon

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Name: Charles Saylor

Email: [REDACTED]

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: The work to deepen and expand the Port of Charleston is, to me and many in the Upstate, vital to economic growth in our state; and beyond. In order to provide a quality learning environment schools must invest, in the case I believe the federal and state governments MUST work together to make this project a reality and I support its funding.

**From:** [noreply@dma.mil](mailto:noreply@dma.mil)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [ginny.thaxton@portcitywarehouse.com](mailto:ginny.thaxton@portcitywarehouse.com)  
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Name: Ginny Thaxton

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: I write to support the proposed 52-foot deepening project of the Charleston Harbor as recommended by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in their Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement. In the increasingly competitive global trade environment in which we operate today, moving forward with this project (and on a timely basis) is absolutely critical, to not only South Carolina's economic future, but the entire region and nation as well. Nearly every long-term forecast of the U.S. economy projects the Southeastern region of the country to be the fastest growing area for decades to come. As a result, it is essential that The Port of Charleston have the ability to handle fully loaded post-Panamax vessels 24 hours a day, without tidal restrictions. In an unprecedented display of bipartisan support of this project, every layer of government in South Carolina, from the local level to our Congressional delegation, has embraced this project. Nothing demonstrates this commitment more than the actions of the General Assembly, when they set aside the state's share of the construction cost. However, perhaps the most compelling argument to proceed with deepening Charleston Harbor to 52 feet comes from two findings of the exhaustive abovementioned study of the US Army Corps itself: When compared with deepening two other major Southeastern Ports, deepening the Port of Charleston will save an average of \$150 million, while at the same time gain an extra five feet of depth, with the least amount of impact to the environment. I would respectfully submit that is the very definition of a "no-brainer" and request that you approve this project.

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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: 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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Draft FR/EIS Comment: The Port is vital for Business and Companies . Exports and Imports all make up the Economic Development engine for the State of South Carolina. It is especially important to deepen the Port because that is what these new ships and future business demand. Charleston and S C need to be the Leader nationally and Globally for that. Deepen the best Port in America.

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: Mr. Messersmith; As an economic development professional in South Carolina I want to strongly support the critical deepening of the Charleston harbor. Even in the Upstate region, where Abbeville County is located, we understand the need for supersized container cargo vessel availability at our port. Our import as well as our export markets demand it. With all of the support it has garnered in a bipartisan way I have to believe that this is a slam dunk decision. South Carolina needs it, the S.E U.S. needs it and it will be a financial advantage for the whole of the US economy. Please support this effort with all of your influence. Thank you, Steve Bowles Development Services Director Abbeville County, SC

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: 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, Keith Miller President Greenville Technical College

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Name: Francis M Crowder Sr

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Address: Tri-County Technical College, PO Box 587, Pendleton, SC 29670  
Draft FR/EIS Comment: I strongly support the deepening of the Charleston. On a daily basis, I discuss economic development issues with our local businesses and one of the key concerns is the continued ability to import and export as necessary to keep their businesses strong. I also serve as chair of the Upstate Alliance, a 10 county economic development organization made up of public and private investors. I can think of few issues of greater concern to this group and the entire upstate business community than the continued viability of the port. I encourage the continued work to deepen the harbor, and on an expedited basis. Too many jobs and too much economic development depends on the port to delay this project any longer. Thanks for your consideration of my thoughts.

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Name: Paul Corbeil

Email: [REDACTED]

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: Gentlemen: Please proceed as quickly as possible with the Charleston Harbor Port deepening project. This has been studied too long, passed every reasonable test and needs to move forward on a fast track in order to protect SC's and it's industries' competitiveness. Working with global private sector partners, we have built a very strong and growing manufacturing base. The Port and Upstate Inland Port are essential, and must be allowed to keep pace with today's advances in shipping and logistics. With the Panama Canal Project opening in 2015-16, we are already behind the eight ball. Respectfully, Paul Corbeil, Vice Chairman Oconee County (SC) Council



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Draft FR/EIS Comment: Let's get the Charleston port deeping project done.

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: I support the deepening of the harbour to allow bigger ships so as to further the growth of our customers in the southeast region.



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Draft FR/EIS Comment: The harbor needs to be deepened to 52'. It is of vital interest to our national security and national economy. The Corps of Engineers has studied it exhaustively and found it to be an economically and environmentally sound project for Charleston, the state of South Carolina, and the United States. We need to proceed with this project as expeditiously as possible.

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: I urge you to proceed with the deepening of the harbor. This will allow Charleston to remain competitive with the rest of the Eastern seaboard ports. Thank you.

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Name: Paul Corbeil

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: As a long time employee of the Charleston Waterfront I feel that we need to deepen our harbor to be able to continue as first class port. The deepening of the harbor will give us jobs today as well in the future for the entire state of SC and surrounding states. Not only companies but individuals will benefit from this project. We have wonderful courses at our colleges to provide educations to keep up with all the tech needed to compete in the global field.

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Draft FR/EIS Comment: 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, Tony Redondo Terminal Manager RTR Incorporated

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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [CMOSELEY@BULLDOGHIWAY.COM](mailto:CMOSELEY@BULLDOGHIWAY.COM)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment  
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Name: CHARLES MOSELEY

Email: CMOSELEY@BULLDOGHIWAY.COM <<mailto:CMOSELEY%40BULLDOGHIWAY.COM>>

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: The port of Charleston is vital to the economy of South Carolina and southeast US . Not just the jobs locally, but the others that are dependent on the port for import and export cargo

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Name: Jim Dunne

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, Jim Dunne



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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
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Name: Trevor Floyd

Email: [tfloyd@fleetsourcesc.com](mailto:tfloyd@fleetsourcesc.com) <<mailto:tfloyd%40fleetsourcesc.com>>

Address: 935 Commerce Circle. Charleston, SC

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Trevor Floyd

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Name: Pamela P. Lackey

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: This letter is 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 Governor Haley, the General Assembly, business groups and other stakeholders have demonstrated statewide support for harbor deepening. I am immediate past Chair of the S.C. Chamber of Commerce and we heartily have endorsed this project. The South Carolina General Assembly took concrete action when, in a bipartisan vote, they set aside the state's share of the estimated funds needed for the project. S. C. is 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, Pamela Lackey S. C. Ports Authority board member

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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
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Name: Robert New

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: Dear sirs: I am fully supportive of the harbor deepening proposal to increase the channel depth to 52 feet. It is imperative that our port remain a competitive force in the decades to come. The movement of commerce through the port is clearly in the national interest and our rich maritime history as a major seafaring port should be preserved. In the new global economy it will be critical for the new larger vessels to access deep water ports, and the ideal port to accommodate these ships is Charleston. The open harbor and easy transit times to the different docks enhances the attractiveness of the port for shippers and steamship lines. Please approve this critically needed deepening project. Thank you.

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**Cc:** [cthomas@abbevillecountysc.com](mailto:cthomas@abbevillecountysc.com)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment  
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Name: Claude Thomas  
Email: [cthomas@abbevillecountysc.com](mailto:cthomas@abbevillecountysc.com) <<mailto:cthomas%40abbevillecountysc.com>>  
Address: 901 West Greenwood St. Abbeville, SC 29620  
Draft FR/EIS Comment: Sir, I support the deeping of the Charleston Harbor. Claude Thomas,  
Chairman, Abbeville County Council

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**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [John@LobbySC.com](mailto:John@LobbySC.com)  
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Name: John DeWorken

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Address: [REDACTED]

Draft FR/EIS Comment: Port deepening will secure thousands of jobs for generations to come in South Carolina.

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**Cc:** [jvaughn@smeinc.com](mailto:jvaughn@smeinc.com)  
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Name: Jason Vaughn

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Address: 281 Fairforest Way Greenville, SC 29607

Draft FR/EIS Comment: 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,  
Jason

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Name: David Edwards

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Address: 2000 GSP Drive, Suite 1, Greer, SC 29651

Draft FR/EIS Comment: The deepening of the Port is critical to the future positive economic development of the State of South Carolina. The deepening can be accomplished in an environmentally sensitive way, and I know the US Army Corps of Engineers will ensure that this occurs. I fully support the deepening project to the proposed 52 feet. This project needs to move ahead without further delay so South Carolina secures its position as a preferred Port of Entry and Exportation on the East Coast.  
David Edwards President/CEO GSP Airport District

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To: [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
Cc: [bnelson@andersoncountysc.org](mailto:bnelson@andersoncountysc.org)  
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Name: Burriss Nelson

Email: [bnelson@andersoncountysc.org](mailto:bnelson@andersoncountysc.org) <<mailto:bnelson%40andersoncountysc.org>>

Address: 126 N. McDuffie St., Anderson SC 29621

Draft FR/EIS Comment: The Anderson County Office of Economic Development is working to bring quality jobs and capital investment to our county and South Carolina. Many citizens are unemployed and are becoming more desperate for work each day. We work closely with the Department of Commerce to recruit business and industry to South Carolina. In these recruitment efforts we describe all of the State's assets as well as the County's. We provide information about our public education system, our health care providers, our excellent labor force and our infrastructure assets of which the Port is a dynamic part. I'm sure you are aware of our recent First Quality Tissue announcement. First Quality Tissue is a \$1 billion capital investment creating 1,000 jobs. Some of the most critical components of their site location infrastructure needs were abundant, inexpensive water, rail service, interstate access and port access. Rail service that provided access to the finest port on the planet held much weight in First Quality's decision to locate in Anderson. All of that decision was made with the knowledge the Port would be deepened to accommodate larger ships. Since January 1, 2010 through today, Anderson County has announced 3,195 new jobs and \$2.65 Billion in capital investment. Part of those jobs and investment came through Tier 1 & 2 suppliers to BMW. Even though BMW is not in Anderson County it is critically import to our economy. Those suppliers employ approximately 1,100 people with an annual payroll of \$36,000,000.00, a huge positive impact on this county. Anderson County's success is dependent on BMW's success; the Port of Charleston is vital to the success of BMW selling and exporting more cars. Deepening the Port of Charleston is vitally important to the success of First Quality Tissue, BMW, Anderson County and South Carolina. To succeed and thrive Anderson County and South Carolina must have a port that is functional today and 50 years from today. Do not delay, deepen the Port!



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Name: Louis Drum

Email: [louis.drum@portcitywarehouse.com](mailto:louis.drum@portcitywarehouse.com) <<mailto:louis.drum%40portcitywarehouse.com>>

Address: 2155 Durant Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29405

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment  
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Name: Greg Greenawalt

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Address: 851 Congaree Rd Greenville SC 29607

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, Greg Greenawalt

**From:** [Patrick McCrory](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Post 45 Support Letter  
**Date:** Friday, November 21, 2014 8:15:15 AM  
**Attachments:** [Post-45 Support Letter - McCrory.pdf](#)

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To USACE:

Please find a support letter for the Charleston Post 45 Harbor Deepening project from Patrick McCrory of Palmetto Railways.

Brgds,

Patrick

Patrick McCrory

Vice President & COO

Palmetto Railways

540 East Bay St.

Charleston, SC 29403

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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:

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.

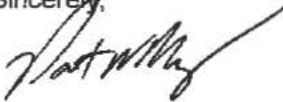
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USACE and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project. I respectfully request that you do so.

Sincerely,



**Patrick McCrory**  
Vice President & COO  
Palmetto Railways  
540 East Bay St.  
Charleston, SC 29403

**From:** [Keely F. Yates](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] SCEDA Support for the Ports Deepening Project  
**Date:** Friday, November 21, 2014 3:30:49 PM  
**Attachments:** [SCEDA Post 45 Comments11.21.14.pdf](#)

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Please find attached a letter of support for the Ports Deepening project from the Board of Directors of the SC Economic Developers Association.

Thank you for accepting our comments,

Keely

Keely F. Yates  
Association Executive  
SC Economic Developers' Association  
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SCEDA – South Carolina's Voice for Economic Development



November 21, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Mark Messersmith:

The South Carolina Economic Developers' Association (SCEDA) strongly supports the US Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project.

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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.

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USACE and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control have the support of South Carolina to approve this project. The SCEDA Board of Directors respectfully requests that you do so.

Sincerely,

  
Jeff Ruble, CEcD  
President, SCEDA

**From:** [Julie C. Alsup](#)  
**To:** [Chas-Post45-Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [Marlon Jones](#); [Kenneth Lin](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support letter from IP -- Port of Charleston Harbor Deepening Project  
**Date:** Thursday, November 20, 2014 3:41:10 PM  
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To whom it may concern at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

Please see International Paper's attached letter of support for the Charleston Harbor deepening project. Our state maps with facilities and employment for North Carolina and South Carolina are also attached. Please confirm your receipt of this email if possible.

Thank you,

Julie

Julie Alsup | Government Relations Manager | International Paper

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November 20, 2014

Mr. Mark Messersmith  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District  
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Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Mr. Messersmith,

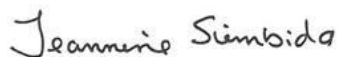
On behalf of International Paper's 38,000 U.S. employees, including nearly 2,000 in South Carolina and 1,500 in North Carolina, we strongly endorse the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Ports Authority's proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project at the Port of Charleston. International Paper is a global leader in packaging and paper with manufacturing operations in North America, Europe, Latin America, Russia, Asia and North Africa. Our global headquarters are located in Memphis, Tenn., and our businesses include industrial and consumer packaging and uncoated papers.

In 2013, International Paper exported more than 22 percent of our products made in the U.S. to customers around the world. The Port of Charleston successfully managed nearly one-third of those total exports. As such, the Port of Charleston is clearly a strategic part of International Paper's successful supply chain operations. After completion of the Charleston Harbor deepening project, International Paper can leverage the larger capacity of the Post-Panamax ships, which would help our company remain competitive with players from global markets that can already use these vessels. This would mean a win for International Paper and for all U.S. manufacturers that rely on a level playing field.

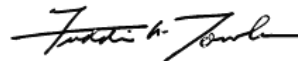
From the Port of Charleston, International Paper exports containerboard, coated paperboard and pulp to our valued global customers. These products are manufactured by employees at our mills in Georgetown and Eastover, S.C. and at our mill in Riegelwood, N.C. The competitiveness of these three IP mills relies heavily on the ability to serve our customers efficiently while also reaching new global markets. Approval of the Charleston Harbor deepening project will play a vital role in helping us meet the needs of our valued customers into the future.

International Paper strongly encourages the completion of the Charleston Harbor deepening project. Please contact Julie Alsup at 202.628.7252 if we can be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,



Jeannine Siembida  
Mill Manager  
International Paper  
Georgetown, SC



Fred Towler  
Vice President, Supply Chain Operations  
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