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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

As you know, Hurricane Sandy devastated a large swath of the Atlantic Seaboard. While the losses were focused in New York and New Jersey, parts of my coastal North Carolina congressional district suffered heavy damage as well.

One of the primary impacts caused by the storm was shoaling in many of the North Carolina coastal inlets that fishermen, passenger ferries and boaters use on a daily basis. The Army Corps of Engineers – Wilmington District has identified over \$30 million in damage to federally authorized coastal inlet projects in North Carolina. These estimates include: Morehead City Harbor – \$6 million; Hatteras Ferry Channel – \$2 million; Ocracoke Ferry Channel – \$600,000; Manteo Shallowbag Bay (Oregon Inlet) – \$9 million; Rodanthe Emergency Ferry Channel – \$150,000; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway – \$3 million; Beaufort Harbor – \$150,000; and the waterway connecting Pamlico Sound to Beaufort Harbor (including Wainwright Slough, Atlantic Harbor, and Taylor Creek) – \$500,000.

I understand your Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is putting together a funding request to submit to Congress to address damage caused by the storm. In doing so, it is compiling and reviewing damage estimates submitted by the Wilmington Corps of Engineers and other Corps' districts, along with other federal agencies involved in hurricane response, including FEMA. As you finalize that list, I urge you to include the funding identified above to repair North Carolina's coastal inlets to their pre-Sandy condition. Repairing these waterways is vital to restoring economic activity and safe transportation on the North Carolina coast.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Walter B. Jones
Member of Congress