



June 14, 2023

Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr.
504 Broadway
Long Branch, NJ 07740

Dear Congressman Pallone,

The Cape May County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to offer this letter of support regarding the introduction of a bipartisan bill which will reauthorize the BEACH Act program and give States more options with grants. This bipartisan Bill will also strengthen the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health (BEACH) Act ahead of the start of the beach tourism season. Due to your dedicated support, the Environmental Protection Agency announced New Jersey would receive a \$300,000 grant to implement beach monitoring and notification programs pursuant to the BEACH Act. As the original author of the BEACH Act, you have been a longtime champion of water quality monitoring. This bill requires EPA to consider innovations in rapid testing to help states report the results to the public more quickly. It also allows states to use grants to find sources of contamination and work to clean up the source of the health threats.

We welcome your continued dedication and passion for the need to continue to protect our water, our shore, and our vulnerable coastal areas. The Cape May County Chamber of Commerce thanks you for securing this additional funding of \$300,000 to aid implementation of beach monitoring and for your continued support to ensuring the New Jersey Shore remains a national treasure. As you have stated, this bill will help ensure that our waters remain clean and safe. This bill will also improve our current water quality monitoring system and will give coastal states and communities greater flexibility to use grants in a way that best addresses local conditions.

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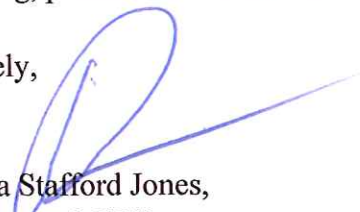
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Thank you very much for sponsoring this very important Bill. If we can be of assistance by testifying, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,



Barbara Stafford Jones,
President and CEO

cc: Sen. Michael Testa, Asm. Eric Simonsen, Asm. Antwan McClellan, Asm. Ralph Caputo, Asw. Annette Chaparro, Asm. James Kennedy, Asm. Antwan McClellan, Asm. William Sampson, Asm. Alex Sauickie, Sen. Vin Gopal, Sen. James Holzaphel, Cape May County Board of Commissioners, Cape May County Department of Tourism, NJ Chamber of Commerce, NJBIA, CCSNJ, SNJDC, Greater Atlantic City Chamber, Ocean City Regional Chamber of Commerce, Sea Isle City Chamber of Commerce, Avalon Chamber of Commerce, Stone Harbor Chamber of Commerce, Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May, Lower Township Chamber of Commerce, Middle Township Chamber of Commerce, Greater Woodbine Chamber of Commerce, Upper Township Business Association, CMC League of Municipalities.