

Date: August 1, 2008

Senator Frank R. Lautenberg
One Gateway Center
23rd Floor
Newark, NJ 07102

Dear Senator Lautenberg,

We are writing to ask that you do all that you can to save Sea Isle City's beaches.

As you already know, the need for beach replenishment in Sea Isle City can truly be considered urgent. For many years, the City had been waiting for authorization of the Federal Great Egg Harbor to Townsend's Inlet project. With your efforts, that \$100+ million project was authorized last year. **We now need your continued efforts to obtain the funding for that project as soon as possible.** However, we know that full funding will take some time.

Representatives of the Army Corps and the NJ Department of Environmental Protection have witnessed the condition of Sea Isle's beaches, and they can attest to the emergency nature of the situation.

So while we wait for the complete Federal beach replenishment project, **we need help with two shorter term issues, to keep our project moving along in the meantime.** Specifically,

1. Ensure that we receive the appropriate permits in a timely fashion.
2. Obtain the funding for the establishment of the necessary Federal/New Jersey project agreements in the next Federal budget. This is not significant funding (approximately \$250,000), but it needs to be included to keep our federal project on track, and not be delayed yet another year.

Thank you for all you have done in the past on our behalf. We trust that you will do all that you can do to obtain both the longer term funding, as well as help us with our two immediate needs.

Sincerely,

Sea Isle City Address