

Date: August 1, 2008

Senator Jeff Van Drew
Assemblyman Nelson T. Albano
Assemblyman Matthew W. Milan
21 North Main Street
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

Gentlemen,

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. That \$100+ million project was authorized last year. However, we know that full funding will take some time.

While continuing to press for Federal beach replenishment, our City government is also working to pursue a State/City sponsored emergency project. This would use the standard 75/25 cost sharing arrangement, with the state portion roughly \$2-2.5 million. It is our understanding that Upper Township, and possibly Ocean City, are working with the State to perform similar beach replenishment for the fall/winter season. Clearly, to pursue such a project without Sea Isle would not be the best use of shore protection funds. **We need your help to ensure that we are included within this shorter-term New Jersey State project.**

Representatives of the Army Corps and the NJ Department of Environmental Protection have witnessed the condition of SIC beaches, and can attest to the emergency nature of our situation. Our City Government is planning to expend \$75,000 to accomplish the necessary surveying, engineering, and permitting over the next several months in preparation for this State project.

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 help us with our short-term needs.

Sincerely,

Sea Isle City Address