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The Honorable George E. "Chip" Campsen, Chairman
Charleston County Legislative Delegation
2500 City Hall Lane
North Charleston, SC 29406-9016


Dear Senator Campsen,

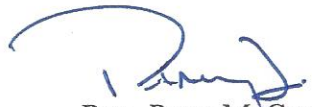
Kiawah Island and Seabrook Island are both part of my County Council district and in the district of State Rep. Peter McCoy. A recent move by the South Carolina Senate Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee has put a portion of Kiawah Island in jeopardy. This pristine piece of land, known as Captain Sam's Spit, is one of the last public access areas on Kiawah and we believe it must stay that way. The committee removed language from a bill that would have added restrictions on how close to the beach structures could be built. This measure would have saved Captain Sam's from future development.

For nearly a decade, developers have tried to build on this land. The inlet is fragile and is home to native wildlife as well as a feeding location for bottlenose dolphins. Despite the need to preserve this delicate part of the Lowcountry, there is a continued push to build 50 homes and construct a road along the inlet.

I plan to ask Charleston County Council to pass a resolution in strict opposition to this bill as it stands now. We strongly encourage the delegation to join us in this fight.

Sincerely,


Joseph K. Qualey
Charleston County Council
District 9


Rep. Peter McCoy
SC House of Representatives
District 115

cc: All Members Charleston County Delegation
All Members Charleston County Council
The Honorable James "Jay" Lucas
The Honorable Hugh Leatherman, Sr.
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