



BEAUFORT, SC

REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

July 11, 2014

Mr. Scott Meister, Boating Infrastructure Grant Coordinator
South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 12599
Charleston, South Carolina 29422-2559

RE: City of Beaufort BIG FY 15 Application

Dear Mr. Meister:

I am writing to express support for the City of Beaufort's application for Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) funds. The City proposes to construct a day dock at the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park to serve transient boaters visiting historic Downtown Beaufort. Improving services for transient boaters is important to economic activity in our downtown area. Beaufort is a popular stop on the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) for boaters wishing to dine, shop, and tour our National Landmark Historic District. Providing safe, convenient dockage for day visitors to Beaufort will encourage more boaters traveling the ICW to stop and enjoy all Beaufort has to offer.

For that reason, the Chamber is excited to partner with the city toward the goal of growing the number of transient boaters who visit us each season, and increasing the time the visitors spend here. We will continue to include the city's marina in full page ad in Dozier's Waterway Guide, and offer in kind advertising opportunities and press releases for the marina. We believe the value of the Chamber's in kind support will exceed \$10,000 this year.

We encourage you to support the City's application for needed BIG funds for this important project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Blakely Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping tail.

Blakely Williams, President
Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce