



# BEAUFORT, SC

## REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

November XX, 2014

Mr. James Newsome, III  
President and CEO  
South Carolina Ports Authority  
P.O. Box 22287  
Charleston, South Carolina 29413

Dear Mr. Newsome:

I am writing to request your assistance in the sale of the Port of Port Royal. The Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce strongly encourages the sale and the redevelopment of the Port of Port Royal to revitalize and stimulate growth in Northern Beaufort County, specifically in the Town of Port Royal.

The Town of Port Royal currently does not collect any revenue from the site because of its status as State-owned property. The redevelopment of the port is vital for the future of the Town of Port Royal. The potential for private use will generate substantial fiscal benefits to the Town of Port Royal because the property will enter the tax rolls. The community's plan for Port Royal envisions public access and the redevelopment of these port properties for new uses. We ask for your assistance in the sale of the Port of Port Royal.

The reuse of the port will help diversify the local economy, which will benefit the entire region. Based on the sale and redevelopment of the port, the Town of Port Royal can expect to increase its employment base by 80% at full build out. Port Royal can add up to another 500 jobs through implementation of this port redevelopment. These jobs will help diversify the local economy by creating additional entrepreneurial opportunities for local residents and newcomers.

The sale of the Port of Port Royal is of significant importance to our region. We would like to open the lines of communication and would be honored to host you in Port Royal at any time. We respectfully ask that you advocate for the sale of the Port of Port Royal.



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The Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce was proud to support the deepening of the Charleston Port with letters to the US Army Corps of Engineers and the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control. Thank you for your assistance and consideration. We look forward to the sale of the Port and to working with you soon.

Sincerely,

William T. Achurch, Chairman  
Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors