



# BEAUFORT, SC

## REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce supports the proposed 52-foot harbor deepening project for the Charleston Port.

This project is essential to South Carolina's economic future. Deepening South Carolina's harbor to 52 feet is a game changer for jobs and economic growth for generations to come. This support resulted in concrete action when the General Assembly, in a bipartisan vote, set aside the state's share of the estimated funds needed for the project—the only state to do so. This action demonstrates that our state, long known for its robust political climate, has come together in a unique and tangible way to support harbor deepening.

Simply put, this project must go forward for the economic well-being of our state for generations to come. Our port system is tied to one of every 11 jobs statewide. It is the key reason for our tremendous economic growth since recruiting BMW in the early 1990s. Failure to deepen the harbor to accommodate post-Panamax vessels around the clock would impact our collective statewide efforts to create more jobs and improve the quality of life for our citizens.