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Major General John Peabody
Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
441 G Street Northwest
Washington, District of Columbia 20314

Dear General Peabody,

This week, the Civil Works Review Board (CWRB) will review and make recommendations on the Charleston Harbor deepening project, which would give port clearance of up to fifty-two feet. I write in full support of this project and request that the CWRB act favorably to move this project forward.

The Port of Charleston is an unparalleled economic engine for South Carolina and the nation as a whole. This has been proven many times through the surge in foreign direct investment we have seen in the automotive, aerospace, and advanced materials business sectors, and the many multinational manufacturers who make South Carolina their home. In recognition of the port's importance, we fully funded the state share of this project, setting aside \$300 million in 2012. During the intervening time, our dedicated Ports Authority staff, business partners, and state and federal regulators have worked diligently to identify and resolve environmental, programmatic, and economic factors and all appear in favor of the of the project's current course.

Thank you for your consideration of the Charleston Harbor deepening and the significant positive economic and social impacts that such progress will make for the people of South Carolina and the region as a whole. If I may be of further assistance on this issue, please contact Joshua Baker in my office at 803.734.5153 or joshbaker@gov.sc.gov.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

Nikki R Haley

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