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**Agenda Item 5**

**DRAFT**

May 19, 2015

Steven Keen  
Director-Eastern Region  
Office of the Governor  
20301 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Dear Mr. Keen:

The Sunset Beach Town Council had a chance to review the NC CONNECT Bond proposal, and voted (insert final vote) at our work session today to support the idea that the legislative branches should place the program on the November ballot for voter consideration.

We would ask that before the bond question is finalized, serious consideration be given to including the expansion of Highway 31 from South Carolina into North Carolina's Brunswick County in this proposal. South Carolina has funded the remaining work needed for this road on its side of the state border, and awaits North Carolina matching the commitment for the road. We believe the proposed highway would open our region for expanded business and tourism opportunities, as well as provide another emergency access point to be use in a storm situation by both residents and visitors alike.

Thank you for your help toward this important project for our region.

Sincerely,

Ron Watts  
Mayor

Mayor: Ron Watts • Mayor Pro-Tem: Louis DeVita  
Town Council: Terry Johnson • Carol Scott • Mike Williams • Wilson Sherrill

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