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Colonel David A. Caldwell
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July 26, 2015

Dear Colonel Caldwell,

I am writing in support of the Asharoken Storm Reduction Project which would provide federal assistance to restore and stabilize the barrier beach on the north side of Asharoken Avenue. This project, would not only protect the homes of area residents, but would guard against future damage to an essential road that serves as the only land access way to the Eaton's Neck Peninsula.

Many residents have voiced their concerns over the public access requirements and the implications that access to the beach would have on their rights as property owners. I understand that there has been much discussion on this issue, however, an agreement has yet to be reached that would allow this project to move forward.

I am hopeful that a sensible compromise will be made that balances the needs of village residents and the public benefit requirements under the Shore Erosion Control Law. I urge all parties involved to continue to work with each other to see that this is completed. Thank you for your attention to this matter. If I can be of any further assistance, feel free to reach out to me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Dr. William R. Spencer
Suffolk County Legislator
18th Legislative District

cc:

Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick, Commanding General and Chief of Engineers, USACE
Senator Charles E. Schumer
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
Dr. Gregory Letica, Mayor of the Village of Asharoken