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January 28, 2010

The Honorable Beverly Perdue
Governor of the State of North Carolina
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699

RE: Targeted Employment Area Designation

Dear Governor Perdue:

This letter is a formal written request for you to designate the attached census tracts as Targeted Employment Areas (TEA) under the program authorized by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

I am pleased to endorse the Northern Riverfront Hotel and Marina Project located within New Hanover County. I have met with the owners of this project several times to review their specific employment opportunities through the EB-5 program. In this time of competitive job creation and economic enticements from other states, it is imperative that we here in North Carolina are as competitive as possible. The owners of this project have completed the necessary supporting documentation justifying this request.

I attended a meeting with Mr. Dale Carroll from the North Carolina Commerce Department and was pleased to see the support being offered by your administration. Please help New Hanover County and the City of Wilmington by completing this designation process.

This designation will allow this project and others to maximize investment potential for various projects and thereby create numerous jobs for our community and the State. The TEA designation is just one more tool we can use to help the private sector create employment. The jobs created by this development through the EB-5 program will benefit all the citizens of Wilmington, New Hanover County and the great State of North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Jason Thompson
Chairman
New Hanover County Commissioners