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Dear Representative:

The National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA), which represents 1,500 companies that contribute \$30 billion and 400,000 jobs to the United States economy each year, is proud to offer its support for H.R. 754, a bill to amend the Act of August 13, 1946. NMMA urges House passage of H.R. 754, which would increase the maximum amount that may be allotted by the Secretary of Army for the construction of small shore and beach restoration and protection projects.

America's shores and beaches are an invaluable economic asset and the Army Corps of Engineers must have the ability, when necessary, to direct sufficient monies to projects designed to ensure their continued beauty and economic benefit.

NMMA believes passage of H.R. 754 will give the Army Corps of Engineers increased flexibility in the way it responds to the pressing needs of America's shores and beaches.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monita W. Fontaine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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