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November 6, 2014

Lt. Col. John T. Litz  
Commander and District Engineer, Charleston District  
69 Hagood Ave  
Charleston, SC 29403

***Re: STAND FOR HARBOR DEEPENING***

Dear Colonel Litz,

The purpose of this letter is to introduce, to you, the Trident CEO Council, a group of executives from the Tri-County Region employing in excess of 10,000 associates in the local community, advocating a culture to Stand for Progress in our Region.

The Council fully supports your harbor deepening recommendation to 52 feet. Our region enjoys a USA Top Ten Port and recognizes that the South Carolina Port will need to invest nearly \$2 billion dollars into our Port Infrastructure over the next ten years. This investment will lead to job creation and multi-billion dollar economic growth throughout South Carolina. To accomplish this goal, we strongly support deepening the harbor to 52 feet to enable our Port to handle larger ships coming to our City in the future.

In conclusion, The Trident CEO Council supports your recommendation for the deepening of the harbor and stands ready to assist in any way possible.

Respectfully and Supportively,



Tom Leonard  
Executive Director

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cc Trident CEO Council