March 28, 2017

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
S-128, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Vice Chairman
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Subject: Support the National Coastal Zone Management Program

Dear Chairman Cochran and Vice Chairman Leahy,

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This state-federal partnership also enables states to leverage federal funds to streamline permits, provide grants to communities, and ensure federal actions are consistent with state laws. Moreover, the CZMA requires a dollar-for-dollar state match for almost all federal funding, with states matching over $59 million FY2016. The state-match component demonstrates the state commitment to coastal management and it is a sound investment that leverages the benefit of every taxpayer dollar.

The CZM program has helped organizations and communities like ours achieve coastal management successes for over 44 years, with strong support from those of us that represent communities, businesses, and organizations listed below. It benefits all coastal states and territories, including the Great Lakes states, and we urge you to support full funding for this vital program.
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The Honorable John Culberson, 
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Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, 
Science and Related Agencies 
House Appropriations Committee 
H-305, The Capitol 
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable José Serrano, 
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2354 Rayburn House Office Building 
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