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The Honorable Ted Budd
United States Senate
354 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Budd:

On behalf of the Town of North Topsail Beach, we write to express our sincere gratitude for your leadership in introducing S. 1724, the Town of North Topsail Beach Coastal Barrier Resources System Map Amendment Act of 2025. We greatly appreciate your dedication to addressing the longstanding mapping error that has affected our community for over four decades.

Your introduction of this important legislation acknowledges that certain areas of North Topsail Beach were mistakenly included in the Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) by the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service in the 1982 CBRS designation of Topsail Unit L06. By advancing S. 1724, you are helping to correct this longstanding error and restore fairness to our residents, who have been unfairly denied access to federal flood insurance, federally backed mortgage products (including VA loans that are vital to our military families), and federal disaster assistance programs.

Thank you for your support and continued advocacy on behalf of our town. The Town of North Topsail Beach Board of Aldermen looks forward to continuing to work with you, your staff members and colleagues as this important legislation advances through the Senate and Congress.

Sincerely,

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