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RE: Margate Shore Protection Program

Gentlemen:

I enclose a copy of the Saturday, February 22, 2014 Atlantic City Press article regarding a dune project in the Wildwoods. The article states that the project is voluntary and up to the municipal officials in the four towns. Brian Bogle, Project Manager for the Army Corps of Engineers, is quoted as saying "we are not going to push this down anybody's throat."

A number of Margate residents have pointed this statement out to me. Please clarify the State's position. Is Margate being treated differently than the Wildwoods? Will the Wildwood communities be advised that the State of New Jersey will issue a Declaration of Taking if the communities do not allow the Shore Protection Project to go forward?

I ask these questions of you with due respect. I need to be able to address my constituent concerns. I would appreciate a prompt response.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael S. Becker". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Michael S. Becker, Mayor

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