

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

October 27, 2015

National Park Service  
Patrick Kenney, Superintendent  
Cape Lookout National Seashore  
131 Charles Street  
Harkers Island, NC 28531

Dear Superintendent Kenney:

In light of recent federal legislation, we are writing to again convey our concerns with the National Park Service's preferred alternative (Alternative C) for its Draft Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for Cape Lookout National Seashore. We have heard concerns from our constituents on the potential impacts Alternative C could have on public access to the seashore, and we strongly urge you to consider other less restrictive options.

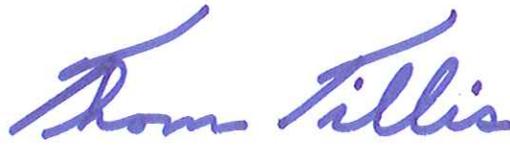
In passing Section 3057 of the Defense Authorization Act of 2015, Congress took the position that the National Park Service should maximize access to our national seashores while protecting its outstanding natural resources. Alternative C may not meet these objectives and will impose a number of additional public access restrictions that will unnecessarily limit access to and within Cape Lookout National Seashore. Additionally, the proposed permit fees and other access restrictions will reduce visitation to the seashore and result in substantial losses to the communities that depend on tourism to support their local economies.

We believe there are other less restrictive options, such as Alternative A, which will provide continued reasonable access to and within the seashore while at the same time allowing appropriate protection of its natural resources. As such, we respectfully urge the National Park Service to consider an alternative option that is consistent with recent federal legislation. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



RICHARD BURR  
United States Senator



THOM TILLIS  
United States Senator



WALTER B. JONES  
Member of Congress