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The Honorable Tim Scott
United States Senate
104 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Scott:

On behalf of the City of Beaufort, I am writing to express our support for the **Save Our Shrimpers (SOS) Act** and to respectfully request your support and advocacy for passage of this legislation in the United States Senate.

The commercial shrimping industry is an important part of the history, culture, and economy of Beaufort and the South Carolina Lowcountry. Generations of families have made their living on our waters, and the shrimping industry continues to support local fishermen, seafood markets, restaurants, and other businesses throughout our region.

The SOS Act addresses an issue of particular concern to coastal communities such as ours: the use of U.S. taxpayer-supported international financing to expand foreign shrimp aquaculture operations that compete directly with American shrimpers. Our domestic shrimp industry already operates in an extremely competitive market, and we believe federal policy should support a fair opportunity for American fishermen and seafood producers to compete rather than use taxpayer resources in ways that may further disadvantage them.

The overwhelming 391–18 vote in the House of Representatives demonstrates the broad bipartisan support for this issue. We are encouraged that companion legislation has been introduced in the Senate with bipartisan sponsorship.

For Beaufort, this is about more than an industry. Commercial shrimping is part of the character of our community and of coastal South Carolina. Protecting the viability of our working waterfronts helps preserve jobs, small businesses, family livelihoods, and a way of life that has defined the Lowcountry for generations.

We respectfully ask that you support passage of the Save Our Shrimpers Act and advocate for its consideration by the Senate before the end of this Congress. We would greatly appreciate your leadership in helping ensure that American shrimpers are able to compete on a fair playing field.

Thank you for your service to South Carolina and for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Scott M. Marshall".

Scott M. Marshall
City Manager
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