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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

IN SUPPORT OF LD 2061

JANUARY 3, 2024

Senator Ingwersen, Representative Pluecker, and honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry thank you for allowing the Town of Richmond this opportunity to benefit from the conveyance of Peacock Beach.

The acquisition of Peacock Beach would provide us with increased control over its management and operations, and by assuming ownership, we would have the ability to tailor the beach's services and amenities to our local community. This would allow us to create a more personalized and enjoyable beach experience for all residents and visitors alike.

We would be able to have the opportunity to improve the beaches' infrastructure and facilities. This could include upgrading the buildings, restroom facilities, providing power, improvements to the entrance, parking, and signage to name a few. These improvements would enhance the overall quality of the beach, making it more attractive to visitors and providing our residents with a nearby destination. Additionally, we would be able to explore partnerships with local businesses, host events and offer recreational activities in hopes of stimulating the local economy.

Lastly, assuming ownership would enable us to implement sustainable practices, ensuring the preservation of this natural resource for years to come.

Thank you for considering these points, and I encourage you to support the town's decision in acquiring ownership of the state beach.

On behalf of the Richmond Selectboard
Town Manager
Laurisa A. Loon