



**Friends of the Carr Refuge, Inc.**

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To Whom It May Concern:

It has been brought to the attention of Friends of the Carr Refuge that there is a shortfall in funding for sea turtle monitoring on the Indian River County portion of the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge serves as one of the most important sea turtle nesting beaches in the world. We feel the continued monitoring of this area of beach is highly important to the research of sea turtles and efforts toward their conservation.

Our board has budgeted \$5000 to assist in funding this critical scientific monitoring program. We will be raising money through our fundraising efforts specifically earmarked for this project. Please note, though we don't foresee it, if we are unable to meet the fundraising goal we are prepared to use reserve funds to cover this cost. Please let us know if there is anything beyond this letter of intent that you require and we will be happy to provide it.

Sincerely,

Brandon Smith  
President, Friends of the Carr Refuge