



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 20, 2018

The Honorable Steve Mnuchin
Secretary
U. S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Mnuchin:

I write in strong support of North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper's nominations of qualified census tracts across North Carolina, especially those in the First Congressional District, for designation as qualified Opportunity Zones. I respectfully request that you promptly approve these nominations.

Eastern North Carolina has struggled to attract significant amounts of private capital and investment flows for many years. In fact, the North Carolina Department of Commerce has ranked ten of the fourteen counties that form my Congressional District as Tier One Counties because they are some of the most economically distressed in the state. These Tier One Counties could benefit greatly from new inflows of investment capital and economic development as a result of having an Opportunity Zone designated within their boundaries.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Kyle Parker on my staff at Kyle.L.Parker@mail.house.gov or 202-225-3101.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

G. K. Butterfield
Member of Congress

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