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Ms. Elizabeth Andrews
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Dear Ms. Andrews, Conference Attendees and Guests:

It is a great pleasure to extend greetings at the screening of the Motion Picture *Tidewater* during the 5th Annual Virginia Coastal Policy Center Conference.

As evidenced by your conference theme, "Defending Our Coasts: Ensuring Military Readiness and Economic Viability As Waters Rise", our region has already begun to experience the effects of sea level rise, with critical infrastructure and military facilities across Hampton Roads affected. It is imperative that the long range implications of inaction are realized, and that is why Senator Tim Kaine and I introduced the Building Up Infrastructure to Limit Disasters through (BUILD) Resilience Act. This bill would provide funding to improve the resilience of housing and infrastructure in areas that have experienced a natural disaster, to ensure that as these areas build back, they do so in ways that will make their communities stronger.

*Tidewater* focuses on the potential threats to Hampton Roads' military installations in an effort to sound the alarm to other communities about the challenges that may affect other regions in the future, if this issue is not properly addressed. I hope to work with lawmakers in Hampton Roads and in Washington on the BUILD Resilience Act and other solutions so that all affected regions can respond to the threat of sea level rise and extreme weather appropriately.

Best wishes for a successful conference.

Very Truly Yours,

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