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Hello Dale and Jeb

This is a letter asking what can be done to stop the dredging of sand for the beach renourishment program. I would like to know who else I can e-mail requesting that sand not be taken from the sight inshore of some of the most beautiful reefs in Palm Beach and placed upon 'public' beaches with no access. What a shame it would be to destroy or injure something so precious that can be enjoyed by so many for the wishes of so few.

I understand that the group asking for the renourishment of the beaches is a group that wields a large voice with lots of money. Please think about the possibility that the reefs could be destroyed and water quality dropped significantly. This would have a huge effect on the economy of South Florida. To begin with Fishing, which is already down, would be hurt. No reef, No Fish!!! Diving in the area which already suffers from decreased water quality as the amount of fresh and polluted water that is dumped directly into the ocean is increased every year would be nearly eliminated if the reef is damaged or destroyed.

Now, think about the effect on other industry. Restaurants and Bars would suffer as fisherman and divers find other places to vacation. Merchants would lose money on gear, supplies, etc. Grocers, fuel suppliers, boat rental, marinas, etc., etc. The money would keep working its way up the line.

All of that hurts the amount of taxes that are paid to keep this Government running.

I ask you again. Are you willing to let the will of so few directly effect the lives of so many.

If that doesn't have an effect on you. Look at you children, think about your Grandchildren and their children. Is it our right to destroy the hope that they have of seeing the beauty of the ocean so that a few very rich people can have bigger beaches???

Please, Dale, let me know what can be done to prevent this from happening. Who can I call, write, e-mail go see to make sure that this does not happen!!!

Last time the Corp. did such a dredging project their estimates of the size of the sand cloud was off by 4 miles!!!

Jeb, I know that these are your supporters, but please remember that these

are a very small portion of the people who live in Florida. Please do the right thing!!

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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