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In September the birds will have already fledged and you should not have any problems but then again I cannot guarantee anything. Please do not give up your trip here, it is a beautiful place and we need visitors like you. I thank you for your continued support in this very challenging environment in which we live.

My best regards,
Carolyn McCormick

On 7/7/08 3:03 PM, "Matthew.Stubbs@us.bizerba.com" <Matthew.Stubbs@us.bizerba.com> wrote:

I am sending this letter in hopes that you would switch even more of your advertising budget to what really matters and that is securing the beaches which makes Hatteras worth visiting in the first place. Without the beaches you are a poorly designed strip mall.

After coming to Frisco for the past twelve years I am considering losing my deposit on a house in September because of the closures. I was surprised at the shortsighted statements of so many that believe the reasons for business being down is Gas. First and foremost the average Outer Banks is 90% beach visitors whether for fishing, swimming, shell collecting, or even bird watching. No matter what you want to do there the beach is involved. I am fully aware at the amount of beach remaining open to ORV traffic and I am also fully aware that a large amount of this is inaccessible because of the closures. What I do not understand is why gas would even play a role now and yet was not an issue when gas went from \$2 to \$3 a gallon. When someone closes over 50% of the beach to human access, because of (according to their numbers) less than one hundred birds, I would perceive this as a direct impact to our BEACH economy. If I cannot access the beaches of Hatteras why would I come. Though some of the areas are open they are heavily overcrowded making what used to be relaxing a chore. If you use the numbers in the consent decree we now will squeeze 2000 vehicles a day on less than half the beach.

Matt Stubbs

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