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To Whom it may concern:

Since I was a baby, my grandpa took me out on the beaches of our home. Hatteras Island, NC. He taught me to respect the environment and I have lived by that belief and have taught that belief to my family.

We did not have 4wd vehicles, we let the air out of the tires and drove our 2wd Pick up truck any where on the beach we wanted to go, We respected wildlife and I was taught not to kill anything I was not going to eat.

I was also taught and witnessed the fact that animals, whether birds, turtles, fish, deer, goats or whatever: would not build nests in areas where humans regularly drive, walk and actively use on a daily basis,

He said when you stop driving or walking or using an area, sure, you are going to have wild life come in and nest; he said animals are smart and they know that humans and their pets can inadvertently damage nests and kill newborns so they do not build their nests or rebuild their nests in those areas,

Turtles will come back to the beach and their nests are easily marked and roped off,, you do not need to close the entire beach because of a few turtle nests, The locals have always respected the turtle nests and celebrated the run to the ocean when the hatch-lings wake up and run for the sea. It is an event to celebrate.

Birds, they have lots of UN- inhabited areas , dunes, islands to nest on, One pair come to the open public beaches to nest, they experience the hustle bustle of the public, those birds either move their nests or NEVER COME BACK TO NEST THERE. The birds are smart enough to know it is not safe , that is why 99 percent of the birds nest elsewhere,

The most nesting I have heard of was , what one or two pairs of birds. You close our beaches because of four birds, you endanger our livelihoods and those of our neighbors because you think you know what is best for our lives here? What arrogance and narcissistic attitudes from people and groups of people who want to make themselves headline news. Maybe we should hire private investigators and make copious notes about the Audubon Society Members and PETA and whomever else thinks four birds are worth ruining lives and livelihoods of hundreds of poor people trying to cut a living out of this mound of sand we call home. Shame on all of you.

You continue to close the public recreational beaches to one or two birds, they will come back, and they will bring other birds with them,,,then you will close more beach and more birds will come to where Humans have been utilizing for centuries.

Stop this madness,,,I just came from Amelia Island and saw the same PETA type commando mentality, slowly shutting down parts of the beach and using the same

rhetoric,
about harming wildlife,,,it is Bologna,and it is nothing more than a bunch of rich
folks shoving their agenda down the throats of working class people,,

Kill the human right to feed their family, to work and play on beaches that were
originally intended for human recreational use, some people think that is OK. They
tell us they are saving endangered species when one pair of birds come to where
we fish, swim, surf, kite and play with our children and grandchildren, They won;t
tell you thousands of birds are living life large on the outer shoals, grass islands and
dunes.

Leave our beaches open to foot and vehicular traffic. Us old Grammies and
grandpa's want to give our grand babies the same wonderful experience we had
with our grandparents, and many of us could not get to the ocean without a 4wd
these days,,because we are older and more worn for the journey we have lived on
this ball that spins around the sun.

No bird is worth more to us than the loss of our own backyard. Many of us depend
on beach access to make a living and feed our families. Handicapped people need
beach access by vehicle to continue to share and enjoy those experiences.

There is too much government intervention in our lives now,,and we are looking at
more government intervention, The USA will soon be another Havana, Russia,
China, North Korea. Take the big idea of controlling everything for us an leave our
island beaches to us to manage. Take a class in common sense and common
decency toward humanity.

Get off our beaches, and take your ignorant ideas and signs and ridiculous rules and
regulations with you.

Then think about our lives and our grandchildren lives, let us live., then:

Come ENJOY the ISLANDS with us!

Sincerely:

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