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To the Dare County Board of Commissioners:

The attached note was jammed this afternoon into my vehicle's driver window as it was parked in a parking lot of a Cape Hatteras National Seashore ocean beach. Below it, the driver's door was heavily scratched, maybe with a key.

I assume the cowardly criminal was offended by a small sticker on my vehicle promoting Dare County's purple martins roost. I have since then removed the sticker.

In this case, and others involving illegal activity I see on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, I did not call 911, because Dare County vehicles, including those of the Sherriff's Department, promote the same political view as this anonymous criminal promotes. There are many of us in Dare County who believe that not only will our 911 calls be ignored and maybe ridiculed, but that our names will be held so that someone in law enforcement or county government will look for a way to persecute us.

It's possible that the criminal note writer was a tourist who, like many Dare County citizens, believes that organizations that try to protect the wildlife and natural beauty of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore are instead trying to "close the beaches." Your "Preserve Beach Access" campaign and your many public statements on the issue of ORV management in the National Seashore clearly imply that environmental protection advocates are trying to deny beach access to the public. Many Dare County citizens believe your campaign has kept away tourists who understand you to say these beaches are closed. Of course you know that no environmental protection organization has ever suggested or demanded closing all Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches to the public.

It might help if you discontinue your misleading, dangerous, counterproductive taxpayer-funded propaganda campaign called "Preserve Beach Access" that not only insults and intimidates many of us who live here and pay taxes, but which also angers and drives away tourists.

Thank you,



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copy:

- Lee Nettles, Outer Banks Visitors Bureau
- ✓ Board of Directors, Coastal Carolina Purple Martin Society, Inc.
- Superintendent, Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Dear  
idiots  
(you're  
spew  
electroband)

Were glad you  
all enjoyed your  
day @ the  
beach - if  
you had it  
your way -  
this would never  
have happened ->  
~~at least~~

b/c this  
beach would  
have been  
closed!

- doesn't  
make  
any  
sense!