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September 6, 2018

Dr. Jeff Van Drew  
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**RE: Personal Campaign Contribution**

Dear Dr. Van Drew:

I am pleased to offer my enthusiastic personal support and this modest personal financial contribution for your candidacy for US Congressional Representative of the Second Congressional District of New Jersey to continue the work that you and our current representative Frank LoBiondo have done for the bayshore region. My only concern is embarrassment that the financial contribution is not more substantial. Before superstorm Sandy I was blessed with the ability to support local candidates for office with greater contributions. But after losing my home and office and being unsuccessful in settling insurance claims, today's financial realities at Money Island are much different.

In 2015 you were supportive when I asked you for help our struggles with NJDEP communications and irregularities within the department. I was concerned about apparent errors in the permitting process for our post-Sandy rebuilding. It seems that ordinary citizens lack of any means to address those government errors and the Department had declined all my requests for a meeting or alternate dispute resolution. Your support was important.

Today the situation has grown far worse. Just after we gathered coalition of parties and the financial support to apply for NJDEP rebuilding permits in early 2018, the State of New Jersey launched a lawsuit against me and Baysave because the permitting process was moving so slowly. The investors back out to avoid being drawn into

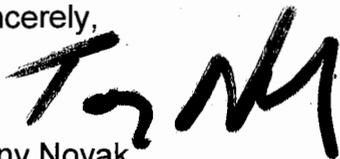
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litigation and so we are back at square one. It still seems like NJDEP in on an adversarial course with environmental groups like Baysave. In my opinion this is an example of state government acting at its absolute worst behavior to the detriment of the community.

I won't give up. We are slowly regrouping with a new plan to get the required permits and financing required to sustain Money Island as a valuable resource to this community for decades to come. We are personally committed to working with government throughout what we expect will be a difficult change in the coming era of climate change realities. It's just a shame that the state is working against us rather than with the dedicated local environmentalists who share a love of the bayshore. I know that as a federal elected official you will do what you can to support the bayshore and local environmentalists.

Best wishes for a successful campaign!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Novak', written in a cursive style.

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