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Dr. Lynn Leonard
SECOORA Secretary
c/o Department of Geography and Geology
University of North Carolina Wilmington
601 South College Road
Wilmington, NC 28403-5944

Dear Dr. Leonard:

It is my pleasure to submit this letter of nomination for Dr. Robert Van Dolah for the open Board seat on the SECOORA Board of Directors. Dr. Van Dolah is a member in good standing, serves as the S.C. Department of Natural Resources-Marine Resources Division's SECOORA representative, and is highly qualified to serve in this capacity. He has more than 30 years of extensive ocean and coastal research experience in South Carolina and throughout the region. Dr. Van Dolah is also very familiar and supportive of the goals of SECOORA through his active participation on the Steering Committee that led to the formal inception of SECOORA, and he is currently serving as a member of the SECOORA Governance Committee.

Dr. Van Dolah has broad knowledge of regional data needs for both fisheries management and other coastal management issues, and brings this wealth of knowledge to the SECOORA "table." He is now actively engaged in developing the data framework for the coastal ocean of South Carolina in support of offshore decision-making and CMSP. Having worked with him as a colleague for the last 30 years, I can attest to Dr. Van Dolah's integrity and level of engagement – he would make an excellent member of the SECOORA Board.

Dr. Van Dolah's formal contact information is as follows:

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Name of Official Nominee:	Dr. Robert F. Van Dolah
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Attached is a CV of Dr. Van Dolah's work experience. Please contact me or Dr. Van Dolah if you require any further information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

M. Richard DeVoe
Executive Director

Enclosure

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