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Mayor Sam Cooper  
City of Rehoboth Beach Commissioners  
City of Rehoboth Beach  
229 Rehoboth Avenue  
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Re: Extension of Parking Meter Active Status

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

On behalf of the Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and its members, we request that this letter be read into the record at the March 19, 2010 City of Rehoboth Beach Commissioners meeting.

At the last Rehoboth Beach workshop on March 5, 2010, the Commissioners discussed the possibility of extending the parking meter collection for an additional two weeks in the fall. Currently the meters become ineffective beginning the second Sunday of September following Labor Day. If they were to be extended by two weeks in 2010, they would remain in effect through October 3.

The business community, various organizations and the Chamber have worked for many years to create successful extended visitation. The business community depends on this success, as well as our surrounding area residents filling the City, as soon as the meters are no longer in effect. The extension of meter time would negatively impact both visitation and planned events which have used the free parking as an incentive to visiting downtown. The business community cannot afford to lose any customer base; and therefore, the Chamber Board and its members oppose any extension of parking meter time.

Sincerely,

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William I. Klemkowski, Jr.  
Chairman of the Board, RBDBCC

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Carol A. Everhart  
President/CEO, RBDBCC

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