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**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Natural Resources**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

**H.R. 2087 Creates Jobs and Supports  
Economic Development**

*Bill received bipartisan support from Natural Resources Committee*

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Dear Colleague,

This week the House will vote on [H.R. 2087](#), *To remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia*. This is a no cost bill that would create hundreds of jobs and stimulate the local economy.

H.R. 2087 allows Accomack County to move forward with plans to develop a technology and research facility adjacent to a NASA airstrip by removing a restriction that requires the property to be used for recreational purposes.

The park currently on the parcel of land is scarcely used, not in the best condition, and is of little benefit to the community. Accomack County seeks to develop this property to better serve the area. The property's proximity to a NASA airstrip makes it an ideal location for a technology and research facility.

Accomack County has worked with the National Park Service to find a suitable exchange that would satisfy the terms of the deed and avoid the need for this legislation. However, the Park Service's unreasonable demands have prevented the project from moving forward, and that is why this bill is necessary.

Accomack County, not the federal government, should have the power to decide the best use of the land for its citizens. There is no reason to delay the development of this property when the project will create hundreds of jobs and is in the best interest of the local community.

This bill was favorably reported in a bipartisan vote of the Natural Resources Committee.

We strongly encourage you to support this legislation. Please contact Casey Hammond ([casey.hammond@mail.house.gov](mailto:casey.hammond@mail.house.gov)) with the Natural Resources Committee at 6-7736 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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