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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

GREGORY W. MECKS
5TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC, 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the New York and New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study, NY & NJ for Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers located at 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York, 10278.

The funding would be used for recommending an alternative to Congress for implementation that would reduce coastal storm risks to the City of New York and the New York and New Jersey area. The area is vulnerable to coastal storm risk as demonstrated by Hurricane Sandy in 2012 which resulted in over 40 fatalities in New York City and over \$40 billion in damages.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the area is vulnerable to coastal storm risk as demonstrated by Hurricane Sandy in 2012 which resulted in over 40 fatalities in New York City and over \$40 billion in damages. The study will recommend an alternative to Congress for implementation that would reduce coastal storm risks to the City of New York and the New York and New Jersey area.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Public Law 84-71, June 15, 1955 (69 Stat. 132).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Gregory W. Meeks", with a stylized flourish underneath.

Gregory W. Meeks
Member of Congress