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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Asharoken Seawall Resilience and Reconstruction Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Asharoken, located at 1 Asharoken Avenue, Northport, New York 11768.

The funding would be used to reconstruct approximately 900 linear feet of coastal protection infrastructure at the intersection of Asharoken Avenue and Bevin Road, including a new steel sheetpile wall with tieback anchor system, rock revetment, concrete cap, splash apron, and associated road and sidewalk improvements, designed to a 50-year storm recurrence interval standard.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the existing seawall—originally constructed as a federal investment by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1997—is actively failing and cannot protect against storm events above a 10-year recurrence interval. The federal government has already expended approximately \$2,821,000 to repair storm damage at this site in 2010 and an additional \$516,500 in 2012. Without permanent reconstruction, this cycle of reactive federal emergency spending will continue to escalate. A single Pre-Disaster Mitigation investment eliminates the two active failure modes—overtopping and undermining—that drive recurring emergency costs and road closures, and replaces decades of patch repairs with a structure engineered for a 30-year design life. Additionally, Asharoken Avenue is the sole access road for approximately 2,000 residents of Asharoken and Eatons Neck and for the U.S. Coast Guard Station at Eatons Neck, which provides maritime search and rescue services across Long Island Sound. FEMA's benefit calculator projects daily economic losses of \$452,307 per road closure event; this project substantially eliminates those losses going forward.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

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

Sincerely,



Nick LaLota  
Member of Congress