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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-307 Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Kings Park Outfall Pipe Replacement project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Suffolk County, located at 100 Veterans Memorial Way, Hauppauge, New York 11754.

The funding would be used to include the replacement of the existing 24-inch diameter outfall pipe between two existing remaining manholes. The outfall pipe is currently partially exposed and is corroding and leaking. The replacement outfall pipe will be designed and installed to match the existing inverts. The new outfall pipe will connect to the existing boots in each manhole. No upgrade work is anticipated for the existing manholes. As part of the replacement as a whole, a bulkhead will be installed to protect the partially exposed pipe from the tides and prevent undermining.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the outfall pipe passes through a beachfront area where people walk, a section needs to be replaced and secured to avoid it being undermined, which has the possibility of failure in a publicly accessed area. Additionally, the leaky and corroding existing pipe, which is exposed, is a hazard for residents and puts them at greater risk for injury or worse.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

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

Sincerely,

Nick LaLota

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Member of Congress