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Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro & Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a Sand Replenishment Project at TOBAY Beach in Massapequa, New York in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Oyster Bay, New York, located at 54 Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay, NY 11771.

TOBAY Beach is the Town of Oyster Bay's 'crown jewel' natural recreational facility and is enjoyed by approximately 500,000 visitors annually. Regrettably, TOBAY Beach has experienced a significant loss of sand due to erosion resulting from severe weather events. Continued coastal erosion, without mitigation, could compromise and damage the natural dunes, wildlife and manmade recreational facilities located at the site. Over time, continued erosion could render this facility unusable or undesirable for visitors to frequent. This would be a tremendous loss for the areas beach going public who have come to love this oceanfront beach, as well as a significant loss of revenue to the Town of Oyster Bay. To prevent this from occurring, the Town proposes to replace approximately 5,300 cubic yards of sand at the east end of TOBAY Beach.

I certify that neither I nor any member of my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Andrew R. Garbarino Member of Congress

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