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March 29, 2023

Congresswoman Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, the Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Village of Bellport's Howells Point Coastal Flood Resiliency Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Bellport, located at 29 Bellport Lane, Bellport, NY, 11713. The funding would be used for a combination of soft (green) and hard (bulkhead/stone) resilient infrastructure at the terminus of streets along Howell's Creek to reduce flood recurrence intervals and mitigate damage. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project is vital to Bellport Village residents who reside on Howells Point, as safe access to their homes is prevented during flooding events. Additionally, the eroding shoreline is severely reducing parkland and public access to water dependent uses (ex: fishing/clamming/boating/etc.). Furthermore, the project captures contaminants prior to discharge into Bellport Bay, via stormwater systems or with receding flood waters. The success of this infrastructure project mitigates these public safety hazards.

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,



ANDREW R. GARBARINO
Member of Congress