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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Connecticut College's Mamacoke Island Aquatic Habitat Restoration Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Connecticut College, located at 270 Mohegan Avenue in New London, Connecticut, 06320. The funding would be used to restore and stabilize approximately 11.58 acres of tidal wetlands, freshwater habitat, and stream corridor within the Mamacoke Conservation Area in Waterford, Connecticut.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because restoring health of this marsh system, which influences water quality, habitat function, and shoreline stability along the Thames River, will support commercial navigation, defense infrastructure, fisheries, and recreation.

The project has a Federal nexus because it advances the objectives of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 by restoring tidal wetlands, stabilizing an eroding stream corridor, and strengthening natural shoreline buffers.

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

Sincerely,

JOE COURTNEY  
Member of Congress