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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for rehabilitation of the Town of Stonington's aging Inner Breakwater. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Stonington, located at 152 Elm Street in Stonington, CT. The funding would be used to implement phase one of the breakwater's rehabilitation.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will prevent further deterioration threatening over \$11 million in annual business income and more than \$850,000 in annual residential property taxes, posing an extreme risk to the Town's fiscal wellbeing and potential need for external financial relief.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.).

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