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Grace Meng
Congress of the United States
Sixth District, New York

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-305 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I respectfully request funding for the FloodNet (Queens, New York, Sixth Congressional District) project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Research Foundation of CUNY, located at 231 West 41st Street, New York, NY 10036. The funding would be used to develop tools for real-time urban flood monitoring, implement these tools to measure floods in New York City (NYC), and make flood data and monitoring tools accessible and useful to stakeholders, including residents, community-based organizations, government agencies, and researchers.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it ensures that the best available research and data are disseminated to local communities and provides local, state, and federal government partners with critical data they need for real-time emergency response. This investment of taxpayer funds will directly lead to safer outcomes for New Yorkers and serve as a model for other US cities to adopt.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Grace Meng".

Grace Meng
Member of Congress

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