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Congress of the United States

Sixth District, New York

May 2, 2025

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 Fostering Coastal Resilience in Flushing Waterways, Queens, NY (Queens, New York, Sixth Congressional District) project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Guardians of Flushing Bay located at 3960 54th St Apt 3R, Woodside, NY 11377. The funding would be used for the creation of a floating Coastal Resilience Hub (the Hub) on a custom-built boat in Flushing Bay, Queens.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because communities surrounding Flushing Meadows Corona Park face a multitude of coastal resilience challenges, including flooding issues causing rainwater to pour into homes and streets during heavy rainfall. The Hub works to connect residents to their most pressing resiliency issues, provide space to co-create solutions to those issues and monitor the health and wellbeing of our local waterway.

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,

Grace Meng
Member of Congress

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