Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Townsends Inlet to Cape May Inlet dredging and placement proposed by the Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District, located at 100 E Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA, 19107. The project will be carried out at the Stone Harbor, Avalon, and North Wildwood, NJ.

The Townsends Inlet to Cape May Inlet Shore Protection Project is designed to protect the communities in Avalon and Stone Harbor, New Jersey from hurricanes and coastal storm damage with periodic beach nourishment. The project includes ecosystem restoration of approximately 116 acres of natural barrier island at Stone Harbor Point. The project operates on a 3-year renourishment cycle and relies on sediment from borrow sites located nearshore in both Hereford Inlet (Stone Harbor) and Townsends Inlet (Avalon).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Jefferson Van Drew

April 28, 2021